



working with disabled people



Special Needs Play-Provision Report

Autumn 2022

Getting back to some level of normality...

Our primary focus as always is on the safety and wellbeing of our children and we do hope that the smiles you see in the pages in this report show how they have responded to the level of care within our services.

This year has become more normalised in our delivery of all playschemes and we hope will be the basis for all future services delivered for children with high needs and those with more mild-to-moderate requirements.

We delivered two specialist Playschemes for children with high levels of need which took place at Morelands Primary School and The Stacey Centre. Children were allocated Playscheme places to the venue that best suited their individual needs thus ensuring that a programme of activities could be delivered that best suited each child, as well as giving the children a safe secure place with freedom to play and enjoy their school holidays.

We also delivered two further Playschemes at centres in Landport and Paulsgrove specifically for children with mild to moderate needs that attend mainstream schools and are in receipt of free school meals. These are funded by HAF (Holiday Activities and Food that was put in place after lobbying by footballer Marcus Rashford) at Easter and Summer. Landport continues to run every half term. Both these two Playschemes focus on delivering activities that support physical activities so the children are included in community events as well as focusing on building independence skills such as using public transport.

As always there has been high demand for places and the team had to perform a careful balancing act to try and meet individual needs against the places we had on offer and the number of staff we could bring to support them. We think we got most things right but as always we have conducted an on-line survey to help us assess where we could do things better, the results of which will be shared later in the year.

This year we said goodbye to two stalwart senior leaders and who have made a huge difference to young people with disabilities at our Playschemes.

Firstly Dannii Dean (who supported Playscheme as well as running the Saturday Club) has moved to a position within Portsmouth City Council as a Specialist Family Support Worker for children with disabilities with the Early Help Team which means she will working even more closely with us in the future.

Then Charlotte Bleach who has been a Senior at Playscheme for many years has qualified as a teacher and plans to have a gap year travelling.

We wish both Dannii and Charlotte well in their future careers who can be seen below during their final weeks with us.







Paulsgrove Playscheme (both pages)

activities included trips to Monkey Business, QE Country Park and pizza making at the pizza oven, bouncy castle, Red Spider, Romsey Rapids, sailing, Lakeside Country Park, Canoe Lake, boxing, fire truck and Hilsea Lido, Laser Quest and dinner, Long Down Dairy Farm and the Isle of Wight.







Landport Playscheme (both pages)







Stacey Centre Playscheme
(both pages)







Festival Day at
Morelands
Playscheme



...and a farewell to Kwan (right)
who has turned 18



Meet the delivery teams:



Julie Nethercote
Deputy Manager



Michelle Morgan
Team Leader

Specialist Playschemes - Morelands & Stacey Centre



Claire Anderson
Senior: Morelands



Harriet Goddard
Senior: Morelands



Connie Minker
Senior: Morelands



Charlie Redman
Senior: Morelands



Charlotte Bleach
Senior: Stacey Centre



Jackie Munro
Senior: Stacey Centre

Mild to Moderate Playschemes - Landport & Paulsgrove



Mia Sandells
Senior: Landport Playscheme



Cathy-Anne Gray
Deputy: Landport Playscheme



Ashlyn Collins
Senior: Paulsgrove Playscheme



Carrie-Ann Reed
Deputy: Paulsgrove Playscheme



Michelle Morgan - 20 Years Playscheme Service

Making the Playscheme service a success is never an easy task during the holiday period, needing to plan an extensive and varied programme of activities during the days, hiring enough staff to meet the needs of our service users and taking the flack when spaces just aren't enough for the many families we support in partnership with Portsmouth City Council.

Michelle leads a team of dedicated senior staff to create the positive outcomes we achieve for our young service users with disabilities and this year has been no exception. The staff and Trustees at Enable Ability raised their glasses to Michelle to pay tribute to her time there and give thanks for her personal endurance and leadership in such a key role.

Cover Photo: Kayaking at North Harbour Lakeside Summer 2022



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