

**Targeted Short Breaks Offer**

**Support Questionnaire 5 -19 years**

Under our new contract with Buckinghamshire County Council, Action for Children needs to ensure that resources reach the families who need them most.

We are also committed to support children and young people to access universal services with their non-disabled peers where this is appropriate and offers the best outcomes for your child.

To help us achieve this we have been asked to introduce a two-tier offer – standard offer of 36 hours each year and higher offer of 90 hours each year. To help us determine the level of service we should offer you and your family, please complete the following questionnaire and return it with your Information and Consent form to Action for Children, Bucks Activity Project, 201 Buckingham Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 9QF.

Each question is designed for you to mark the statement that is the closest match to your child’s/family’s needs – please do add more information if you wish and think it will help us make a decision on what level of service, we should offer you.

If you do not complete this support questionnaire, it will delay or prevent access to the service, please contact us if you need help to complete this form.

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| **Child’s Name:** |  | **Child’s Date of Birth:** |  |
| **Home Address:** |  |

**Physical and Emotional Wellbeing of the Child**

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| Is your child physically fit and healthy? |
| My child has health needs that stop them doing what they want | My child has health needs that mostly stop them doing what they want. | My child has some health needs which sometimes impact on their lifestyle | My child has some health needs, but they do not impact on their lifestyle | My child is mostly fit and healthy |

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| Does your child manage their own personal care (toileting and washing)? |
| My child needs full support and presents challenging behaviour / requires manual handling | My child needs full support but engages | My child needs some support | My child can mostly manage independently but needs prompting | My child manages this independently |

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| Can your child eat and drink independently? |
| My child needs full support | My child regularly needs some support | My child sometimes needs some support | My child just needs prompting | My child manages independently |

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| Is your child able to communicate well? |
| Indicates basic needs through behaviour only | Mostly needs support to indicate basic needs | Sometimes needs support to convey basic needs | Able to convey basic needs | Able to explain their needs and thoughts |

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| How does your child express their feelings? |
| It is always difficult to understand my child’s feelings | I sometimes understand what my child is feeling but it is mostly difficult | I can mostly understand my child’s feelings when I encourage and support them | My child can identify and express their feelings appropriately, through facial expressions, body language or verbally | My child is able to identify and name their feelings appropriately and those of others |

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| For children aged 11 and over, is your child able to travel safely and use public or private transport?  |
| I feel my child would not be safe using public transport | My child would like to use public transport but lacks confidence or has not had opportunity | My child needs full support to use public transport | My child is able to use public transport with a responsible person/friend | My child regularly uses public transport independently |

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| My child presents unwanted behaviours that hurt and/or cause distress to others. |
| Often and regularly hurts others | Often and regularly causes distress to others | Often but with the right support can usually be distracted quickly and the behaviour stops | Occasional outbursts but with support can be calmed quickly | My child does not present any behaviours that hurt or cause distress to others |

**Environmental Factors**

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| Do your child’s difficulties prevent you being able to get out and about with your child? |
| Apart from school, we rarely leave the house | Apart from school, we leave the house a few times a month | Apart from school, we leave the house at least once a week | Apart from school we leave the house a couple of times a week | Apart from school, we are able to leave the house daily |

**Keeping Children Safe**

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| Do you feel you have a good circle of support or good network of friends and family? If needed, are you able to leave your child safely with immediate family or friends? |
| I do not have any family or friends nearby | I have family and friends nearby, but I do not feel confident to leave my child with them safely | My family and friends are rarely available for me to leave my child with | I usually can find family and friends that that I can leave my child with for short periods | I can nearly always find family and friends that I can leave my child with |
| Is your child safe in their community when out and about? |
| My child finds it difficult to keep safe even with support when out and about in the local community | My child has some understanding of how to keep safe when out and about in the community but needs full support | My child mostly understands how to keep safe when out and about in the community but needs some support | My child mostly understands how to keep safe when out and about in the community but needs reminders | I feel confident my child is safe when they are out and about in the community and they understand how to keep safe |

**Family Life**

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| What time does your child go to sleep and wake up?  | Bedtime |  | Wake up time |  |

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| Does your child sleep soundly through the night? |
| I need to attend to my child for long periods throughout the night, most or every night | I need to attend to my child with brief visits throughout the night, most nights | I need to attend to my child at night a couple of times a week | Occasionally I need to attend to my child at night | My child sleeps through the night |

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| How good is family life? Is there time for everyone in the family to enjoy life and pursue the things that matter to them? |
| Family life is stressful and frustrating all the time | Family life is ok but there is no time to enjoy things that matter | There is some time for family members to enjoy things that matter to them | Family life is good most of the time but there are some struggles | Family life is good |

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| Does your child join in with activities with other children? |
| My child rarely joins in activities with other children | My child mostly needs encouragement and support to join in activities with other children | My child sometimes needs encouragement and support to join in activities with other children | My child mostly joins in activities with other children | My child actively seeks and joins in activities with other children |

**Friends**

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| Does your child have a supportive circle of friends?How many friends does your child have?  |
| No friends | 1-3 friends | 4-5 friends | 6-10 friends | 11+ friends |

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| How often does your child spend time with their friends out of school time? |
| Never | Once a month | Once a fortnight | Once a week | 2+ times a week |

**Confidence and Self esteem**

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| Is your child relaxed and happy? |
| Never | Occasionally | Regularly | Most of the time | All the time |

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| Does your child have confidence to try new activities? |
| My child refuses to try new activities | My child often needs encouragement and support to try new activities | Sometimes my child needs encouragement to try new activities | My child will try most new activities | My child likes to try new activities and fully engages |

**Education and Learning**

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| How often does your child attend their school/pre-school/childminder or residential school? |
| My child does not attend school/pre-school/childminder or residential school | My child attends1 day per week | My child attends 2 days per week | My child attends 3 or 4 days per week | My child attends5 days per week |

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| Does your child attend any clubs/activities not linked to school or childcare? If so, how often? |
| My child does not attend any clubs or activities  | My child attends a club/activity once a week with support | My child attends a club/activity once a week without support | My child attends a club/activity more than once a week with support | My child attends a club/ activity more than once a week without support |
| Please tell us which clubs/groups your child attends. |
| What additional support does your child need to access this club/activity? |

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| Outside of school time, how much time do you have away from your caring role in an average week? |
| Less than one hour | Between 1 and 3 hours | Between 3 and 6 hours | Between 6 and 12 hours | More than 24 hours |

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| Does your child spend regular overnight periods with close family members (eg parent or grandparents) away from your main family home? If yes, please provide some details. |
| Do you care for other disabled children in your family home? If yes, please tell us the child’s name and age. |
| Child’s Name |  | Age |  |

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| Please provide any additional information you would like us to know. |

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| **Name of parent/guardian:** | **Signature of parent/guardian:** | **Date of Completion:** |
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