

Consultation Launched on the Provision of Short Breaks for Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

Reading Borough Council is inviting parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities to have their say on the future of short break provision in the Reading Borough.

Short breaks allow children with SEND to take part in after school, evening, weekend or holiday clubs and give family carers valuable time off to help manage the pressures of caring.

The council wants to know what families value or look for in a short break service, what aspects of the service they feel could be improved and how the council can support families to use direct payments to buy the short break service which suits them best.

The aim of the consultation is to help inform how the service is delivered in the future with a view to improving choice and control for eligible families and to create a more personalised approach with individualised packages.

The consultation launches on Friday 20th May 2016 and will run for 90 days ending on the 17th August 2016 which covers the summer holidays to provide families with the fullest opportunities to respond. It can be completed online at www.reading.gov.uk/yoursayshortbreaks

There are a series of consultation meetings taking place at various locations, information dates, locations etc. can be found on the above link.

Best Wishes

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