

Summer 2020 Activities



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For 8-17 year olds with Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism*

This year our Summer Activities will be different due to Coronavirus and the need to keep everyone safe - but we still aim to have fun and opportunities to make friends.



We are running a mix of **virtual (online) activities** and a few **actual Activity Days**

Activity Days

This year **ALL** our actual Activity Days will run from:
Jubilee House, Horton Road, Stanton St. John, Oxford OX33 1AF
From approx. 10am - 3pm - with staggered drop off and pick up times



* Our Activity Days are staffed at a **staff:child ratio of approx 1:4**
If your child requires more support, or you are not sure about your child's eligibility, please contact us before booking

The Closing Date for bookings is
Monday 20th July

Our Activity Days will offer a variety of activities and could include:

Laser Gaming

Outdoor play

Science

Craft

Music

Films

Computer Gaming

and much more!

This year, due to COVID-19, you should **only** apply for our activity days if your child/young person is **not** accessing other activities, from other providers, to limit any potential spread between groups.

Thank you for your understanding



Keeping safe



Parents

- Local government guidance states parents must limit the number of settings their children attend. **If your child attends our Activity Days – they should not attend any other provision.**
- We have 2 options for timings: EITHER 10am - 2:30pm OR 10:30am - 3pm. This is to stagger people and avoid crowding and waiting. Please adhere to these times and be on time. (you can indicate your preference on the Application Form).
- Our Activity Coordinator (usually Becky or Sam) will ask each child to enter the premises one-by-one. **Any other persons will not be permitted to enter the premises** (indoor nor outdoor play area).
- Please avoid using public transport to get to our activity days.
- People cannot gather at entrance gates or doors and should remain in their cars.
- **If you are not already known to us, please complete a referral form for your child before they attend an activity. Please visit our website for a Referral Form. www.afso.org.uk**
- **If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19), your household must self-isolate and cannot attend our setting.**



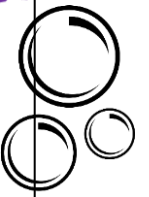
Your child must

- Remain in the car until a member of staff calls them into the building. No other person may leave the car.
- Independently enter and leave the building without being accompanied by a parent/carer
- Not emit bodily fluids e.g. not spit
- Clean their hands before entering the building using hand sanitiser.
- Carry out regular handwashing as instructed, using soap provided.
- Not need assistance with toileting.
- Wear clean clothes each day they attend
- We do not recommend wearing face masks. If they choose to wear a facemask during the activity, it must be replaced every 3 hours (and you will need to provide a bag for it to be disposed in) and, unless disposable, washed daily.

Play – but not as we know it!

- Activities will be either **solitary play or playing in a pair/team - but socially distanced.**
- You will be applying for your child to join a bubble of young people and staff.
- Each session will have a maximum of 10 children.
- Several activities will be available, but moving between activities will need to be agreed by staff – to ensure cleaning and social distancing
- Our staff will try to keep the fun factor – but please know – this Summer will be different!

Bubbles



We will

- Carry out regular cleaning and sanitising in accordance with Government Guidance.
- Promote good hand hygiene and encourage all children to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly.
- Put in place control measures in line with Government Guidance to reduce the risk of transmission.

If a suspected case of Coronavirus occurs

- If a young person or staff member develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.
- The child's parent will be notified immediately and be required to collect their child immediately.
- We will need to close our Activity Days while testing and deep cleaning is done. Please see our Cancellation policy on the Application Form.

We look forward to seeing you this Summer

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Activity Days 2020

Please note:



- At this stage we cannot guarantee which activities will be available on each day
- After the closing date we will allocate spaces and try to accommodate everyone as best as possible. Places will be confirmed after the closing date.
- You can select between 1 and 4 days per bubble, in your child's age group
- We will consider applications for siblings of different age groups to join the same bubble

Date	Age Group	What to bring	Booking Fee
Bubble A seniors Monday 3 rd August Tuesday 4 th August Wednesday 5 th August Thursday 6 th August	13-17 year olds ONLY	Packed Lunch Suitable outdoor clothing <i>including raincoat if wet</i> Sun hat Sun cream	£20 per day
Bubble B juniors Monday 10 th August Tuesday 11 th August Wednesday 12 th August Thursday 13 th August	8-12 year olds ONLY	Packed Lunch Suitable outdoor clothing <i>including raincoat if wet</i> Sun hat Sun cream	£20 per day
Bubble C seniors Monday 17 th August Tuesday 18 th August Wednesday 19 th August Thursday 20 th August	13-17 year olds ONLY	Packed Lunch Suitable outdoor clothing <i>including raincoat if wet</i> Sun hat Sun cream	£20 per day
Bubble D juniors Monday 24 th August Tuesday 25 th August Wednesday 26 th August Thursday 27 th August	8-12 year olds ONLY	Packed Lunch Suitable outdoor clothing <i>including raincoat if wet</i> Sun hat Sun cream	£20 per day

Activity Days How to Book

To book Summer Activity Days please complete the attached **Application Form**.



Forms will only be accepted **electronically** this year, so please send us the Application Form as a Word or PDF document, or send a photo of the completed form

- When booking, please ensure you can drop off and collect your child **on time** and can adhere to the timings
- The drop off time you are given is when Registration will begin. If you arrive early please wait in your car until a member of staff comes to collect your child. Our staff become responsible for young people after registration.
- Applications will only be accepted after we have received both a fully completed Application Form **and** payment. **Payment must be made by bank transfer only.**
- Final confirmation of places will be sent **AFTER** the closing date on **Monday 20th July 2020**
- If you have queries or special arrangements regarding payment, please let us know as soon as possible.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEDICATION.** If **whilst attending** our activities your child will need *any* medication which *may* require action/intervention/storage by our staff, e.g. Diabetes, medication for ADHD, epilepsy, please let us know ASAP so we can organise staff training. If our staff are not able to receive training in good time, the child's attendance will not be permitted.

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Please **book ASAP** to avoid
disappointment!

Virtual **Activities**

Over the summer we are also running fun **online** activities – ranging from **online gaming** and **science experiments** to **dance classes** and **visiting wild animals** and **horse stables**



- We will advertise our virtual activities **weekly** via **email and Facebook** – so please make sure you are on our mailing list (if you have not been receiving our weekly e-bulletins - you are not on this list!).
To be added to this list please email us at: info@afso.org.uk
- Your child must be registered with us, to attend the online events. If you are not registered with us please go to our website and complete a Referral Form www.afso.org.uk

Virtual **Pilates for Parents**

We know how challenging the past few months have been – and we feel parents need some pampering too! So we are running 6 online (via zoom) 30-minute Pilates classes for our parents on Tuesday evenings at 8pm starting on 21st July 2020.

Please email us at info@afso.org.uk to be sent the details.

Possible funding for Summer Holiday Activities

Funding *may* be available from Oxfordshire County Council to *possibly* help pay fees, as well as transport, for those on **low income or benefits**. We are now able to make an application from the Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) on your behalf. We need to make this application at least 2 weeks before the start of the Summer activities **so please let us know as part of your application form**. You will initially only need to pay us at least a 10% contribution and we will apply for the remainder. If for any reason the application for funding is unsuccessful, we will advise you, and you can then choose to pay the outstanding amount or cancel the place(s). More information is here <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/special-educational-needs/ISSShortBreaksCriteria.pdf>
Contact Pauline Mackinnon at Oxfordshire Family Information Service for more information on 01865 32 33 32 or Email: fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk There may be funding available for transport. For more information, please contact the Oxfordshire Travel Hotline on 0845 310 1111 or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-transport

OTHER activities around Oxfordshire

If our activities do not meet the needs of your child, there are several other groups who run activities during school holidays and term time. If you are on our emailing list you will be notified when we receive information about events, courses and activities and these are also advertised on our Facebook page. Also check out the Oxfordshire County Council *Local Offer* website page and *Family Information Directory* <https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page> for details of what is available across the county.