

# Easter 2021 Activities



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OXFORDSHIRE

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

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



\* 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

We have planned an interesting mix of **face-to-face days** and **virtual events**.

The Closing Date for bookings is  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**ALL** our face-to-face 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**

Join us for

Laser Gaming

Outdoor play

Science

Craft

Just chillin'

Baking

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*

Holiday Activities are funded by



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and other grants

# 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 - 2:45pm OR 10:15am - 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](http://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.

**Bubbles**

### 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 Easter will be different!



## 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 follow Government Guidelines.
- 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 Easter**



# Activity Days 2021

Please note:



- Activity days will run as long as government guidance continues to allow and it is safe
- 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 3 days per week, in your child's age group and any of the virtual events

		Booking Fee & what to bring
<b>Week 1 Juniors (8 - 12 year olds)</b>		<b>£20 per day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Packed Lunch and drink</li> <li>● <b>Suitable outdoor clothing</b> including a raincoat, wellies and a <b>full change of clothes</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	All day - Earth Trust Survival day. Come and join us to see if you can be the next Bear Grylls. We will be whittling, den making, lighting fires and of course... melting marshmallows!	
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Indoor crafting and outdoor activities, and gaming.	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Indoor crafting and outdoor activities; and gaming. Laser Tag (NOTE: a headband is provided and must be worn as it holds the laser sensor)	
<b>Week 2 Seniors (13 - 17 year olds)</b>		<b>£20 per day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Packed Lunch and drink</li> <li>● <b>Suitable outdoor clothing</b> including a raincoat, wellies and a <b>full change of clothes</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	All day – chill out, gaming, films.	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	All day – chill out, gaming, films.	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	All day Laser Tag (NOTE: a headband is provided and must be worn as it holds the laser sensor) and Chill out, gaming, films	
<b>Virtual Activities (8 - 17 year olds)</b>		<b>All virtual sessions are £5 each</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Crocodiles of the world</b> <b>10am – 11am</b> – Enjoy a virtual tour of Crocodiles of the World, meet some of the crocodiles and have a Q&A with the animal keeper.	
	<b>Relax Kids <u>GIRLS ONLY</u></b> <b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> – This session is just for girls. From a journey of movement and high energy to relaxation this is a great chance to learn new skills that can be used in many situations.	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Baking with Mrs Bun the Baker</b> <b>10am – 11am</b> – Baking a sweet treat with hobless cooking, recipe will be given in advance to get the ingredients ready and adults will just need to place the item in and out of the oven. All children will receive a certificate for attending.	
	<b>Relax Kids <u>FOR ALL</u></b> <b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> – This session is for everyone. From a journey of movement and high energy to relaxation this is a great chance to learn new skills that can be used in many situations.	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April (8 – 12 year olds only)</b>	<b>Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (8 – 12 year olds only)</b> <b>2pm – 3pm</b> Scientist from the lab will host this interactive event where children will learn to build and code an Arduino	

# Activity Days How to Book

To book Easter Activity Days and Virtual Activities 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 clear 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
- 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.

## TOP TIP for saving photos of documents

On the **iPhone** take a photo in the notes app and it gives you the option to save it as a scanned document which is easier and clearer for emailing.

For **Android** users there are many free apps to download which do the same thing.

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Please **book ASAP** to avoid  
disappointment!

## Possible funding for Easter 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://page) and *Family Information Directory*

<https://fis.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page> for details of what is available across the county.

[www.afso.org.uk](http://www.afso.org.uk)