

Daycamps for children with additional needs

At YMCA Fairthorne Manor we are able to provide specialist care and support to enable children with a range of additional support needs or disabilities access our mainstream schemes.

Our belief and mission is that everyone should be provided the same exciting and active opportunities in a caring, welcoming way. We aim to inspire each child by listening and supporting them and believe that each visitor provides us with an opportunity to be inspired too.

What can children and young people do?

With current funding from [Hampshire County Council Short Breaks programme](#) we are able to offer support during school holidays for children and young people aged 4-16 years.

Activities

Children with additional needs attend our mainstream Multi-activity Daycamps and enjoy a range of age appropriate outdoor activities. For more details visit the [Multi-Activity Daycamp](#) section of our website. All children with additional needs are welcome; those who hold a Hampshire Gateway Card+ qualify for subsidised support during Daycamps. Unfortunately it is not possible to provide support for additional services such as Big Day.

Support and funding

Running successfully since 2011, YMCA Fairthorne Manor has been awarded Short Breaks funding from Hampshire County Council until March 2023. This enables children from Hampshire with a Gateway Card+ the opportunity to access Daycamps with the support of a trained 1:1 buddy free of charge (Daycamp places are separate and must be paid for separately by parents/carers).

A Gateway Card+ is a free card to enable access to activities, play schemes and buddy schemes for children with disabilities with the following criteria:

- Have a disability and/or additional needs who require support to take part in leisure activities
- Are between 0 and 17 years old
- Live in the Hampshire County Council authority area (excludes Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight and neighbouring authorities).

For further details or to apply for a Gateway Card visit the [Hampshire Gateway website](#).

Price & booking

If your child is new to Fairthorne Manor Daycamps or has not attended in the past 12 months, we ask you to complete a [child profile form](#) before booking to ensure we fully understand your child's needs and enables us to put the correct support in place. Once we receive the completed form, we will assess the needs and contact you to confirm the support and make the booking for your child. Spaces to join the scheme are currently very limited so new entrants will be placed on the waiting list for the foreseeable future. Current prices for [Daycamps are available on the website](#), to book please contact our Sales team on 01489 785228.

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