

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Carmarthen Breakthro' (Breakthro') is a registered charity (Reg. No. 518918), that provides Saturday Clubs, holiday play schemes and weekend breaks for children with severe learning disabilities. This provides respite for the parents and siblings of these children.

The charity is governed by its executive committee, which meets monthly to discuss and prioritize any issues raised in the day to day running of Breakthro'.

Breakthro' provides such care for children between the ages of 4 and 19 and aims to care for approximately 10 children at any session. The children are referred to Breakthro' by the Disabilities team, as they will assess if your child is being in particular need of our services.

The children's Disabilities team are based at: Ground Floor, St Anne's Building, St David's Park, Jobswell Road, Carmarthen. SA31 3HB. Telephone number 01267 246400 or contact Ceri Bassett (Project Manager) at Breakthro' directly on 07772078634 if you require any further information.

This respite care is reserved for children with severe learning difficulties and it is not the policy of Breakthro' to provide care for children who do not have such difficulties, as this would necessarily lessen the quality and effect of the care that is provided.

The children are normally cared for on a one-to-one basis where required, and sometimes on a two-to-one basis. All staff receive a high standard of ongoing training.

Communication takes place in the medium of Welsh and English and also provision is made for communication through sign language where appropriate. All efforts would be made to accommodate children speaking any other language should the occasion arise.

The children are referred to Breakthro' by the Family Support Team based in Carmarthen, as being in particular need of our services.

Our aim is to give the children fun, enjoyment and well-supervised leisure activities, whilst in our care, as well as interaction with other children and volunteers. As well as indoor activities a large enclosed outside play area is available where gardening and other activities could take place. Regular trips take place throughout the children's time with us in our specially adapted vehicle.

Parents are encouraged to keep close links with Breakthro' through the use of contact books and regular conversations via manager and play leader.

We aim to provide each child a minimum of:

- a) 1 Saturday Club per month

- b) 1 day per week Playscheme during school holidays, excluding Christmas.
- c) 1 weekend away each year (subject to funding)
- d) 1 family trip outing each year (subject to funding)

Saturday Clubs and Playschemes are currently £15 per session that start at 10am and finish at 4pm. There are four different groups catering for children with a variety of difficulties. If you are a single parent working at least 16 hours per week or one of a couple who both work at least 16 hours per week, with children living with you, you may be able to claim back your eligible childcare costs through the working tax credit? For more information visit your local Job Centre or Benefits Agency or log on to the HM Revenue website. Contact Number 0345 300 3900

All staff and volunteers who are in contact with the children receive sufficient training to enable them to carry out their duties to the required standard.

It is the policy of Breakthro' to keep parents updated on all the latest news and events that will impact on their children's use of the services and this is normally undertaken by child's contact book, the website (www.carmarthen-breakthro.co.uk) or other more direct contact.

Events and details of outings may change from month to month are set out in correspondence to parents, parents are also free to contact Breakthro' at any time to ask questions or request information.

Policies are available on request.