

# Believe in children



# Barnardo's

Dear Parents, carers and professionals,

Thanks for your interest in Star breaks!

Our service offers short breaks care, in the form of after school and holiday clubs, to young people with additional needs in Witney and Abingdon. Short break care gives young people an opportunity to have fun, share experiences and socialise outside of their home life. It also gives their parents or carers time to recharge their batteries.

Staff receive lots of training in order to offer young people the best care we can. This includes medical training, Makaton, PRICE training, autism awareness, safeguarding, equality and diversity and inclusion, play work, food hygiene, and much more.

Young people can expect to experience a variety of activities when they attend our sessions.

Our after school club sessions are based around a weekly theme, which have included 'Transport', 'Bugs', 'Fitness', 'Friendship', 'Emotions', etc. Our holiday sessions are often based on a theme per day. Some recent themes have been 'Story books' – which included a visit to the Roald Dahl Museum, 'Music Festival' – which included a visit from Soundabout, and a mini music festival on site, and 'Frozen Fun' – which included lots of fun activities and a trip to Thomley Hall.

Our service is very much led by the young people's opinions, and our planning is influenced by what our young people want to do. We love to hear these and do everything we can to make sure every young person's voice is heard.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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