

MAKING SPRING HARVEST ACCESSIBLE



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Spring Harvest welcomes all children and young people into the programmes, and seeks to be an inclusive place.

God does significant things in the lives of people when they are at Spring Harvest. This includes children and young people with additional needs and their families.

Additional needs includes anything which may mean that a child or a young person requires a little extra care and attention.

Our programmes are: • Kids 0-4 • Kids 5-7 • Kids 8-11 • Youth: 11-14 • Youth 15-18

We provide planning, finance, dedicated team members and on-resort provision

There is a coordinator and team in each of the children and youth programmes whose role is to enable each child or young person who has been identified with additional needs to access as much of the programme as possible.

Our resources are finite and the availability of team members with the huge variety of skills required is also a limiting factor so we may not be able to meet the needs of every child.

We may ask you to stay with your child until the team is confident that he or she has settled or until the leaders are satisfied they can provide good care.

A family member or trusted friend can accompany your child in the programme if he or she requires one-to-one care as we are unable to provide that level of support.

If you attend a programme with a child or young person please follow our **Guidelines for carers.**

Each child or young person, whatever their needs, should register and attend the programme with their peers of the same chronological age.

Please complete our registration form as soon as possible so we have time to plan and can make each child and young person welcome. (The form is usually ready to complete from February).

Medical needs

Our team are not medically trained and they cannot be responsible for ensuring medication is taken at specific times.

Team members may administer a limited list of medication if they have received appropriate instruction and if a parent or guardian has given written consent.

If your child may need help with medication during their programme please contact us so we can let you know whether or not our team can help.

Children who can and do administer their own medication, such as an inhaler, may do so as required within the programme.

Young people

- Young people are free to come and go from the youth programmes as they wish.
- If you have a child in the youth programme and they are not safe leaving the programme venue alone, please meet them during their morning break time and at the end of the programme. Team members will be busy at those times so will not be able to watch out for them.
- **Young adults** with learning disabilities would be welcome in the Count Everyone In programme at Minehead. If you are booked for another break and are over 18 and will need some help to join in the adult programme, please contact us. We want to try to help but can only do that if we know what help is needed.

Guidelines for carers

If you go into a Kids or Youth programme with a child or young person, please follow these guidelines:

1. Please introduce yourself to the additional needs coordinator in the programme. You can do this when the child is registered or before the first session they go to.
2. Your role as carer is to help your child or young person. You can offer them whatever help and support they may need to join in the programme.
3. You must not spend time with any other child or young person in the programme.
4. If the child or young person in your care needs help with toileting, you should help them, but a team member should go with you. This is to give reassurance to other children who are using the toilet at the same time.
5. Please sign the visitors' book when you arrive and sign out when you leave.
6. You may be asked to wear a badge showing your name and the name of the child or young person you are there to support.
7. Please tell the additional needs coordinator before you leave. You should do this whether your child is leaving with you or not.
8. If you have any questions about your role as a carer in the programme, please speak to the additional needs coordinator.
9. Carers must be 18 years old or over.