



## St. Helens Council

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29<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Re: St Helens SEND Short Breaks Playscheme October half term

As you are aware the Corona Virus pandemic has unfortunately caused a lot of uncertainty and limitations and has impacted on what we are able to safely offer for the October half term break.

The current restrictions limit the number of people in groups to 6 both inside and outside settings which impacts on the activities providers can safely offer and on the venue availability, and therefore leaves us in a position where we cannot offer an equitable provision to all.

Due to this, along with the risk of potential further restrictions and local lockdowns, we regrettably will not be able to offer a playscheme over the October half term this year. Please accept our apologies for this.

For further information on support, including options for use of your Direct payments, please liaise with your child's Social Worker or alternatively visit the Local Offer website

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/sen-the-local-offer/>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Sweeney".

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Hannah Sweeney – Integrated Children's Commissioning Manager

