

# Children's Therapy Summer Newsletter 2023



We hope you all enjoy a lovely summer holiday. We just wanted to send a short newsletter providing you with some information you may find useful over the summer break.

## Useful Contact Information

If you need to contact your child's Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist or Speech and Language Therapist during the school holiday you can leave a message on the numbers below, but please be aware that the messages may only be picked up intermittently during the holiday as the school is closed and therapists will be carrying out visits across the area and taking some annual leave so your call may not be returned for a few days.

**Physiotherapy: 02380 734205 (option 4)**

**Speech and Language Therapy: 02380 734205 (option 5)**

**Occupational Therapy: 02380 734205 (option 6)**

If your call is more urgent then you can contact the Children's Therapy Service Single Point of Access (SPA) on **0300 300 2019** and they will be able to put you in contact with a physiotherapist, OT or SLT who can help you with your query.

## Home Visits

Please let us know if you require a home visit over the holiday period to check home equipment, we have some limited availability where we could arrange a visit.

### **Equipment Issues**

If you have any issues with your child's home equipment and require assistance or a repair, please contact the following companies:

**NRS Healthcare: 0333 240 8335**  
**(Southampton addresses)**

**Hampshire Equipment Stores:**  
**01256 476800 (Hampshire**  
**addresses)**

If you require further information on Housing and Adaptions, please call the Jigsaw OT team on **02380 915831**

### **Speech and Language**

If your child has a communication aid and you require any support with it over the summer holidays, please contact SPA who will be able to direct your query accordingly.

For any new concerns regarding eating or drinking, please also contact the SPA on 0300 300 2019

### **Wheelchair services**

Just a reminder that Hampshire Wheelchair Services, previously known as Millbrook Healthcare Group have been taken over by Ross Care. Please see the attached email.

Should you have an issue with your child's wheelchair over the summer holidays please contact the wheelchair services directly.

**Hampshire Wheelchair**  
**Services (Ross Care): 0333 003**  
**8071 (Southampton and West**  
**Hampshire)**

**AJ Mobility: 0808 196 2626**  
**Portsmouth and East**  
**Hampshire)**

### **Orthotics**

If there is a problem with your child's orthotics/foot splints during the holiday period you can contact our Community Therapy Assistant/Orthotics Assistant, Gemma Hirst who will be able to assist.

Email: [gemma.hirst1@nhs.net](mailto:gemma.hirst1@nhs.net)

Phone: 07796941848

**The first Orthotics clinic at Cedar School after the summer holidays will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

## **Goodbye**

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Sandra Turnbull who many of you will have got to know over the 25+ years she worked for our service. She is very sad to be leaving as she has immensely enjoyed working with children and families, but due to some ill health she is concentrating on enjoying all that life has to offer. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her lots of happiness in her new adventures.