



ELHAP

a special needs adventure playground



Services
for
Children
&
Young People



About ELHAP

ELHAP is an adventure playground for disabled and disadvantaged children and young people, receiving approximately 6,000 visits from families and schools from across North East London and the Essex areas. ELHAP is a registered charity that started in 1976 and remains one of only seven specialist adventure playgrounds in the country.

ELHAP supports children and young people with a wide range of needs, ranging from children with complex health needs to mainstream children. ELHAP has a very wide range of play resources and has something for every child.

ELHAP runs holiday playschemes and Saturday Clubs for families throughout the year and is open to visiting schools and groups during term-time.





What is Adventure Play?

Adventure play is all about having fun, taking managed risks (this means taking risks that are safe but exciting) and learning about the world through play. Adventure playgrounds are mostly unstructured and focus upon children making their own choices about how they play (this may involve them getting messy). Our aim is to try and make sure that every child has a great day and leaves us happy and fulfilled.



Holiday Playschemes

ELHAP runs over 10 weeks of holiday playschemes for children and young people (aged 6 to 19 years of age) each year at Easter, Summer and all the half term holidays. ELHAP is registered with OFSTED to provide out of school care for children aged 6+ years.

Playscheme days run from 10.00am - 3.30pm and children will need to bring a packed lunch as well as suitable clothing. All holiday playscheme places are booked several months in advance. Families must first be registered with ELHAP before booking any places.



Saturday Clubs

ELHAP runs fortnightly Saturday Clubs for children and young people (aged 6 to 19 years of age) throughout term-time. Saturday Clubs run from 10.30 am till 3.30pm and young people will need to bring a packed lunch as well as suitable clothing. All Saturday Club places are booked several months in advance. Families must first be registered with ELHAP before booking any places. ELHAP is registered with OFSTED to provide out of school care for children aged 6+ years.



Parent with Child Scheme

Families that do not receive any funding can attend ELHAP via the **'Parent with Child' Scheme**. This enables a child to attend ELHAP with their parent. This scheme costs £5 per day and families can attend holiday playscheme days and Saturday Clubs. Parents are required to stay with their children and supervise them at all times at ELHAP.

Please note that we do not allow carers to attend with children. Before using this scheme, families will first need to register with ELHAP and pre-book their days.



Early Years Drop-In

The Early Years Drop-In runs every Monday morning in term-time from 10.00am until 12.00pm for children aged 0 to 5 years. We encourage inclusion and try to ensure that children with and without disabilities attend. We run structured activities and workshops, as well as offering free play throughout the session.

The Early Years Drop-In is subsidised by ELHAP and is FREE to all childminders, nurseries and schools.



Transition Project

The Transition Project aims to provide the best possible support to help disabled young people through the **challenges of leaving school and moving on from children's services**. This project is for young people aged 16 to 21 years who need help to make real decisions about their future, including work, study, recreation, friendships and relationships. The Transition Project runs during the week throughout the year.



Sleep Over Project

The Saturday Night BIG Sleep Over Project is specifically for teenagers over the age of 13 years with disabilities who want to hang out with friends. The Saturday Night BIG Sleep Over Project may not suit everyone — it is all about having opportunities to spend a sleep over with friends. Each Sleep Over runs from 6pm Saturday night to 11am Sunday morning for up to nine young people (each Sleep Over will be single sex).

Our Facilities

ELHAP is a specialist adventure playground for disabled and disadvantaged children and young people. We are based in a 2 acre woodland, secure site and includes the following equipment and facilities:



All our staff are thoroughly CRB checked before working at ELHAP. Our staff are experienced and sensitive to the needs of children and young people.



Our outdoor area includes sandpit, swings, see-saws, slides, aerial runway, wilderness area, play shipwreck structure, tree house, tunnel and lots more.



Our building and our outdoor areas are wheelchair accessible. We also have wheelchair access to our first floor.



All volunteers are thoroughly CRB checked before volunteering at ELHAP. Volunteers are supervised and monitored by experienced staff.



We have a fully fitted Soft Room for rough and tumble play for more active children or quieter soft play for more vulnerable children.



We have a Play Room and a separate Art Area for toy play, art making, story telling, reading, music making and lots



We have a large sensory room on the first floor. This is an excellent setting for sensory play as well as relaxation.



We have a Cinema on our first floor where children and young people can choose and watch their own films.



We have a number of toilets, including a fully equipped changing toilet with a ceiling track hoist, adjustable bench and fitted toilet.



Each year we train our more experienced staff in how to manage challenging behaviours positively. The training is BILD accredited.



We have a number of staff who are qualified first aiders as well as trained in Buccal Midazolam and Rectal Diazepam administration, Gastrostomy Tube feeding, Diabetes management etc.



And lots lots more...

How your Child can attend ELHAP

There are three ways that children and young people can attend ELHAP. These are:

1. Local Authority Funding

Many local authorities fund children and young people to attend ELHAP schemes. If you have not already contacted your local Children with Disabilities Social Work team, you will need to contact them and be assessed. If your local team agree, you may be allocated a certain number of ELHAP days per month or year.

2. Direct Payments/Individual Budgets

If you are receiving direct payments or an individual budget through your local authority, you can choose to use these funds to access ELHAP services.

3. Parent with Child Scheme

If you have no funding for your child, you and your child can still attend ELHAP under this scheme. Parents (not carers) must stay with their children and be responsible for them whilst at ELHAP. This scheme costs £5 per day.

If you need any further information or are interested in using ELHAP, please contact us. We will then send you a registration pack and once we receive your completed registration form, we will arrange a meeting to assess **your child's needs. When this has been completed and funding has been confirmed, we will add you to our mailing list and you will be sent booking forms for all our Holiday Playschemes and Saturday Clubs.**





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