

Application Form

Parent/Carer Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Mobile Telephone Number: _____

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Disability or SEN
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

If you **do not** wish photographs of your children to be used for publicity purposes (no names used) e.g. website, annual report, grant applications please tick this box.

If you **do not** wish for your family's contact details to be held on our database for administration purposes (details will not be revealed to third parties) please tick this box.

I understand and accept the supervision and safety of my children is the responsibility of my family at all times during club activities.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____



Special Friends Club

is a charity operating throughout the wider Bristol area, run by parent volunteers. The charity provides support for families of children with special needs by organising a range of activities and social opportunities that can be shared and enjoyed by the whole family

Registered Charity Number 1142501

About Special Friends Club

The club has a membership of 100 families with over 180 children whose ages range from 3-18 years. The children have a broad range of needs and disabilities, from severe learning and physical disabilities to sensory or speech and language impairment, Autism, Downs Syndrome and Attention Deficit Disorder.

Due to the nature of their disabilities it is difficult and sometimes impossible for the children and their families to attend and take part in 'mainstream' holiday activities or attend visitor attractions. It can be very difficult and stressful to arrange a family outing when there is a disabled child in the family. To be in an environment where you are surrounded by 'normal' families who don't face the same challenges can be very hard and emotionally testing, but knowing that you are there with a group of families with similar problems is hugely supportive. Families and children are able to try things that they hadn't dreamed would be possible without this support.



Activities & Events

Some of our favourite places to visit are Westonbirt Arboretum, Cattle Country, Avon Valley Country Park, Bowood and At Bristol to name a few. During the longer school holidays we have ventured as far afield as Legoland, Cadbury World, Diggerland and Drayton Manor. We have regular use of local soft play centres, swimming pools and cinemas. Annual events include the Summer Barbeque, Christmas Party and Parent's Social.

Membership and Subscriptions

We are a registered charity and as such rely on non-statutory funding in the form of grants and donations. Subscriptions are a nominal contribution towards the administration of the club.

- Membership Subscriptions are collected quarterly by standing order (1st January, 1st April, 1st July, 1st Oct).
- Membership is open to children with special needs and their families. The child rate applies for each disabled child and each sibling.

Number of Children (Over the age of 3 yrs)	Quarterly Subs	Quarterly Subs (if in receipt of Income Support)
1	£12	£10
2	£24	£20
3	£36	£30
4	£48	£40

Paying your subs by standing order greatly reduces our administration costs.

The club's membership is currently at full capacity and there is a waiting list to join. However, spaces do become available so please complete this membership form, send it to us and we will be in contact with you very soon.

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