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Spaces on our parent/carer evening groups.

We hope that our parent/carer evening groups will provide a safe, accessible, fun environment where children and young people can play and socialise, and where their parent or carer can feel relaxed and supported.

The groups run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm until 7.30pm. Young people can attend with their parent/carer on one evening per week. So our groups don't get too busy, only one parent/carer can bring one child/young person. If you need to bring more than one parent or bring siblings, please contact us to discuss this.

We are a small, independent charity working principally with volunteers on these three groups. Volunteers are recruited year round to help children and young people play and socialise, but each parent/carer is ultimately responsible for the safety, supervision, care and support of their child or young person at these groups, including personal care.

Young people are also welcome to bring their personal assistant or carer instead of a parent.

We have around ten places on each of our three weekly evening parent/carer groups.

"How can we attend an evening parent/carer group?"

You can provide your details on the forms below, and we'll let you know if a suitable space becomes available. Young people attend with their parent or carer for two years, or until the young person reaches twenty, so we can make more spaces available more regularly.

"What are your criteria?"

We don't have strict criteria, aside from:

- Does the child/young person have a learning and/or physical disability?
- How much does the young person and their parent/carer need a group like ours?

We would love to provide spaces on these groups for everyone who wants one, but that wouldn't be practical or safe.

"How do you decide who gets a place?"

We will:

- ...consider the individual nature and circumstances of each child/young person and their parent/carer.
- ...consider the nature and dynamic of our current group of parents, carers and young people.

Whenever a space becomes available, we will consider all the children, young people, parent(s) and/or carer(s) known to us and take into consideration the above factors. We will then offer a space to the child or young person and their parent or carer who we feel best suits the available space, again taking into consideration the above factors.

If you would like to register an interest in our evening parent/carer groups, please fill in and return the enclosed forms.

By signing these forms, you understand and accept that if a space on one of our evening parent/carer groups is offered, DDCA reserves the right to stop anyone attending at any time if we feel we can't safely meet an individual or family's needs or if anyone acts in an aggressive, violent, intimidating, or confrontational manner towards anyone else attending, volunteering, or staffing the group.

You also consent to DDCA retaining the personal information you have provided so we can decide if any group we run currently or in the future would be suitable for you, and that we can safely meet your needs. Please see our GDPR policy (on our website) for further details.



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Child or Young Person's name	
Name of parent or carer accompanying the above child or young person	
Child/young person's date of birth	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Tell us about this young person. Please continue on a separate sheet if you need to.	
What's the nature of this young person's disability?	
Does the young person use a wheelchair?	
Are there any communication issues?	

<p>Any behaviour that could be described as "challenging"? If so, please be as honest and specific as possible on the following page.</p>	
<p>How comfortable is the young person with other children or young people in a busy group setting?</p>	
<p>Any eating and/or drinking issues?</p>	
<p>Personal care; does the young person wear pads, for example? The parent or carer accompanying the young person will be responsible for personal care.</p>	
<p>Does the young person have transport?</p>	
<p>Which school, college or day centre does the child or young person attend?</p>	
<p>Teacher's name?</p>	
<p>Does this child/young person attend any other groups?</p>	
<p>Any other info? Why does the young person need our group?</p>	



<p>Any behaviour that could be described as "challenging"? This doesn't mean we won't consider the young person for a place, but it depends on the frequency, nature and severity of the behaviour. We understand that young people can go through changes at any time. Please be as honest and specific as possible, and continue on a separate sheet if necessary.</p>	
<p>Does the young person hit, bite, pull hair or cause other harm to themselves? If so, how frequently?</p>	
<p>Does the young person hit, bite, pull hair or cause other harm to other children, young people, or adults? If so, how frequently?</p>	
<p>Are special measures in place at school or elsewhere? For example, "Safe Space" or "CALM holds"? If so, how often are these used? We use neither at DDCA, and we have a "No restraint or holding policy".</p>	
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<p>Referred by</p>	
<p>Your name, address, phone number and e mail (if different from above)</p>	
<p>Your signature</p>	
<p>Today's date</p>	

