



Disabled Children's Service – Short Breaks Service



Newsletter 7th December 2021

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton and also other general information which you may find useful.

- ❖ **HALTON LIBRARY EVENTS:** Please see the festive events taking place over the next few weeks.

Christmas Book Folding Workshop

Join us for this relaxed festive book folding workshop. Learn a new skill and take your creation home

Tuesday 7th December, **Ditton Library**, 2.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 8th December, **Widnes Library**, 2.00-3.00pm

Tuesday 14th December, **Ditton Library**, 2.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 15th December, **Widnes Library**, 2.00-3.00pm

Suitable for adults, children and families. Drop in session.

Festive Card Making Workshop

Get in the mood for Christmas with our Festive Christmas Card Making Workshop.

Tuesday 7th December, **Widnes Library**, 5.00-6.30pm

Thursday 9th December, **Widnes Library**, 5.00–6.30pm

Wednesday 15th December, **Halton Lea Library**, 2.00-4.30pm

Wednesday 22nd December, **Halton Lea Library**, 2.00-4.30pm

Suitable for all ages, adults, children and families. Everyone welcome. Free, drop in session.

Rhyme Times

If you've never been to one of our Rhyme Time sessions now is the perfect time to try one. They include stories, songs and more and take place in the children's area of our libraries.

Christmas Rhyme Time and Craft

Tuesday 14th December, **Ditton Library**, 11.00-11.45am

Tuesday 14th December, **Runcorn Library**, 11.00-11.45am

Thursday 16th December, **Halton Lea Library**, 11.00-11.45am

Friday 17th December, **Widnes Library**, 11.00-11.45am

Thursday 23rd December, **Halton Lea Library**, 11.00-11.45am

Suitable for preschool children. Drop in session

Saturday Stories

Join us on Saturdays for our special stories sessions with the added bonus of crafts on two of the sessions.

Christmas Saturday Stories and Craft

Saturday 18th December, **Widnes Library**, 11.00 – 11.45am

Saturday 18th December, **Halton Lea Library**, 11.00-11.45am

Why not pop along and see what it's all about. It's also a great time to choose your next bundle of books to read. Suitable for children up to 7 years.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Halton Lea and Widnes libraries

Monday 20th December 10.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 21st December 9.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd December 10.00-5.00pm

Thursday 23rd December 9.00-7.00pm

Friday 24th December – Monday 3rd January CLOSED

Reopen Tuesday 4th January 9.00-7.00pm

Runcorn and Ditton libraries

Monday 20th December 10.00-5.00pm

Tuesday 21st December 10.00-6.00pm

Wednesday 22nd December CLOSED

Thursday 23rd December 9.30-5.00pm

Friday 24th December – Monday 3rd January CLOSED

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❖ iCAN Warning: Scam Covid-19 Omicron PCR testing emails

Halton Trading Standards wish to make consumers aware of scam Covid-19 Omicron PCR testing emails currently circulating, see the image below.....

Apply now for Omicron PCR test to avoid restrictions



Get Your Free Omicron PCR today to avoid restrictions

NHS scientists have warned that the new Covid variant Omicron spreads rapidly, can be transmitted between fully vaccinated people, and makes jabs less effective. However, as the new covid variant (Omicron) has quickly become apparent, we have had to make new test kits as the new variant appears dormant in the original test kits.

What happen if you decline a COVID-19 Omicron test?

In this situation, we warned that testing is in the best interests of themselves, friends, and family. People who do not consent or cannot agree to a COVID-19 test and refuse to undergo a swab must be isolated.

How to request a Free Omicron PCR test?

You can order your Omicron pcr test via NHS portal by clicking the link below:

nhs-order-pcr/COVID-19-omicron-research/

Although the Omicron variant maybe new, the way to get a PCR test is the same. There is a not a new NHS testing website link or portal specifically for the Omicron variant.

If required, PCR tests can be ordered from the Governments website:
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

*This newsletter provides general information and resources (not all services on the newsletter are associated with Halton Borough Council). If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time.

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