

25 November 2024

Dear Parents

## Future provision of South Ruislip Young Carers Club

As you might be aware, there has been some uncertainty for a while about the future of the Young People's Centres in Hillingdon as the Council was consulting on their future and taking stock of their buildings due to severe funding cuts from central government. During this time, we have worked closely with the Council to ensure that we can continue to deliver as many of our Young Carers' services as possible into 2025 and beyond. We are now in a position to update you on plans for Tuesday Club from January 2025.

We have been given notice that the South Ruislip Childrens and Young Peoples' Centre will be closing in December this year. However, we are pleased to say that the Council has been hugely supportive and has offered us free alternative accommodation about half a mile up the road at their new Family Hub. This is situated in the former Wren Centre, Queens Walk, South Ruislip, HA4 0LR.

There are pros and cons to the new location:

- It is not available on Tuesdays but is ours every Thursday evening. We recognise that this might be difficult for some but hope that most of you can still bring your children on a Thursday evening.
- Parking on site is very challenging as there is a large private Nursery in development (currently used as a Children's Centre) and another Mencap provision. However, older children can be dropped at the barrier and it is a short walk to the building. We will ensure we have staff or volunteers outside initially to help them find their way.

For those that need to bring younger children in, there is free short-term parking in Deanes Park Community Centre, just round the corner – less than a five minute walk away.

- The Centre has been completely revamped and is warm and clean. We have obviously been anxious because we want to be able to provide the usual activities.

There is a large hall, fabulous kitchen and separate quieter space for art or other activities. In summer, there is a secure garden area for outdoor activities.

Whilst we might not be able to provide all sports initially - and will be looking for computers to use in the separate space - we are confident that, as things develop, the venue will meet our needs.

There are currently no changes planned to our Saturday Clubs or Young Adult Carer Clubs at Hayes and Harlington.

We look forward to seeing you all before Christmas and can advise that Club at the new venue will start on Thursday 16 of January 2025 from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

Wishing all our families a peaceful and pleasant festive period.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Chandler". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Sally Chandler  
Chief Executive  
and the Young Carers team  
Carers Trust Hillingdon & Ealing