Home-based Summer Programme 2024

Information for parents

The Home-based Summer Programme aims to support the educational and/or care needs of children and young people with complex special educational needs during summer.

Who is eligible?

Children and young people with complex special educational needs whose school is either not running the School-based Summer Programme or a place on a school-based or alternative programme is not available.

Funding

The Department of Education will provide funding for:

Tutor or SNA options:
- For a maximum of 10 hours of tuition or care support per week.
- Available for up to 4 weeks in June, July or August.
- Must take place face-to-face.

Tuition options:
- Either one-to-one or in a group setting.
- If parents opt for a small group setting (up to 3 children), additional funding for more hours will be available.
- The department also facilitates groups of 4 or more children.

Next steps

Contact the school
Parents should get in touch with their child’s school to ask about eligibility.

Registration
If your child is eligible, the school will register them on the Online Sanctioning Portal.

Confirmation Email
Parents will receive an email confirming their child’s eligibility.

Engage Services
Parents can now engage the services of either a teacher for tuition or a SNA for care support.

Sourcing a SNA
tutor
Parents can reach out to their school or disability advocacy group. Additionally, parents can advertise on the Summer Programme Portal on www.educationposts.ie

For more information, visit
www.gov.ie/summerprogramme