

**Crossroads is a Manx registered charity that has been providing respite to local carers for more than 35 years.**

**Our services help all carers regardless of age or individual care needs.**

**To find out more about Holiday Scheme or our other services please get in touch.**



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### WHAT IS THE HOLIDAY SCHEME?

Holiday Scheme runs in the school holidays to provide care for children aged 8-18 with complex needs. To qualify for the scheme, children must be based in their school's Special Educational Needs unit or in mainstream lessons with significant support.

### WHAT ARE SESSIONS LIKE?

Sessions are fun-filled and catered to the interests of each group. Every day is different, with groups going on trips to the Wildlife Park, on the Steam Train, to soft play, gymnastics, MSR, playgrounds and more! Children are offered one session per week during the school holidays, giving carers an important break from their caring responsibilities.

We know how hard it can be to take children with complex needs out and about, which is why Holiday Scheme aims to provide action-packed sessions so they don't miss out on those childhood memories.

**3 IN 5  
PEOPLE  
WILL BECOME  
A CARER  
DURING THEIR  
LIFETIME**



### REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals can come from anywhere, including parents, schools, and social workers. Referral forms can be obtained from Crossroads. Once the referral form is submitted, your child will be added to the waiting list. Once your child is eligible, we will contact you when a space becomes available.

You don't have to wait until your child turns 8 to refer them to the scheme - the sooner they're on the waiting list, the better! Children on the waiting list are offered regular 'taster sessions' where they can meet Holiday Scheme staff and see what sessions are like. This also gives parents a chance to catch-up and ask questions, as well as meet others who are in similar situations.

**For more information about this service, please email us on [holidayscheme@crossroadsiom.org](mailto:holidayscheme@crossroadsiom.org) or call us on 01624 673103.**