



## **BMBC Short Breaks Eligibility Criteria**

### **1. Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Disabilities**

Your child or young person must have Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability. They should also have either:

- a SEN Support Plan from their education setting, or
- an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) from the Local Authority.

If your child is educated at home and has SEN or a disability, we will need information from any previous school or reports that describe their educational needs.

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### **2. Access To Universal Services**

Short Breaks are designed for children and young people whose needs mean they can't take part in Local Offer activities or other universal services. This might be because those activities aren't suitable, or because their needs make it difficult for them to take part safely or independently.

Before a Short Breaks application can move forward, families should have considered or tried Local Offer groups or universal activities. If you haven't been able to try them, we will ask you to explain why these activities would not meet your child or young person's needs.

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### **3. Assessments Needed**

To be considered for a Short Break, your family must have had an assessment in the last 12 months. This should be completed by a Lead Professional using either:

- an Early Help Assessment (EHA), or
- a Social Care Child and Family Assessment (C&F).

This helps us understand the needs of the whole family and whether targeted Short Breaks support is needed. This assessment is only needed for the first application — not for future reviews.

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#### **4. Information About Your Child's Needs**

Parents and carers will need to share documents such as medical reports, education information or specialist assessments. These help us understand why your child or young person with SEND needs extra support throughout the day.

This may be due to physical needs or because they need close or constant supervision during the day and/or night to keep themselves or others safe. Their needs should be much greater than those of other children their age who don't have SEND.