**Annexe – Short breaks Service Support banding levels**

**(5-18 year old)**

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| ASSESSED NEEDS AND CRITERIA | RAS Points Score |
| **No Support (No specialised Support required)**  Under 20 points means the child’s needs are established and good outcomes can be met through Universal Services, i.e.: leisure centres, family hubs, youth groups and activities listed on Waltham Forest council’s events pages\* | 0-20 |
| **Small Support - Low Level Needs**  Between 21 and 30 points supports a child’s involvement in activities they enjoy. This will be managed through Early Help offer and Universal offer. Indicates a higher level of need within the small support band. Support can be provided through activities included in “Things to do” section of the local offer, activities booklet provided by Waltham Forest Parent forum, or SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) specific events listed on the Waltham Forest council’s event page\* | 20-29 |
| **Some Support – Moderate Support Needs**  The child has some support needs and might require a Personal Budget for activities or equipment to meet assessed need if Universal Services cannot meet all identified needs. Services offered might be a mixture of universal offer, activities included in “Things to do” section of the local offer, activities booklet provided by Waltham Forest Parent forum, or SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) specific events listed on the Waltham Forest council’s event page\* and / or activities / equipment budget | 30 - 34 |
| **Lots of Support – High Level Needs**  Indicates a higher level of some support with some scores indicating exceptional support in some areas and will require allocation of short breaks hours with specialist commissioned providers Direct Payments | 35 - 39 |
| **Exceptional Support – Very Complex Needs and /or Exceptional Circumstances**  The child has high care needs and requires a multidisciplinary discussion about how education and health funding will work in tandem with the substantial input from social care. This level of need might include consideration for domiciliary care if there was a significant personal care need based on the health assessment and recommendation. | 40 and above |

**For young people with complex health and medical needs, where the score is 64 or more**, we will be consulting specialist services (i.e. Occupational therapy, Speech and Language, Nursing team, Hospital discharging teams, Social Care, schools and any other professional involved in providing care and support) to recommend individualised packages including short break activities, respite, home support and / or domiciliary care with broader social care package and health support forming part of the package.

**\*Here are links to services available in Waltham Forest:**

Youth services in Waltham Forest: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/families-young-people-and-children/youth-services-directory>

Family hubs and family hubs offer: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/families-young-people-and-children/family-hubs>

Waltham Forest events page: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events>

Some of the invents include:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events/send-friendly-swimming-session>

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events/family-cookery-club>

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events/play-session-chingford>

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events/story-time-leytonstone-library>

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events/stories-and-songs-lea-bridge-library>

Local offer:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/local-offer-special-educational-needs-and-disability-send/things-do>

Waltham Forest Parent Forum Activities booklet:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-01/WFPF%20Activities%20Booklet%20Jan%202023.pdf>