#### What is SIBS and who is it for?

# A day of fun activities to get out, meet friends and have fun!

SIBS is a monthly activity group for children aged between **8 and 12 years old** who have a brother or sister with special needs.

Unfortunately we cannot offer places for children with special needs.

We provide a range of activity days for children to attend to meet other children in a similar position to themselves.

#### ...and of course to have lots of fun!



## When does SIBS run?

SIBS runs once a month (during university term time) on a Saturday, between 10am – 2pm. For some trips, times may vary.

At the start of each year, we will contact you with all the year's dates so that you can put them in your diary.

We will also write to you before each trip to tell you what activities we have planned to ask if you would like to come.

### **How much will it cost?**

Attending SIBS is FREE. All activities are paid for and resources supplied.

Children will have to be dropped off and picked up. This is normally at the University of Sheffield, Western Bank, S10 area

Children will also have to bring their own packed lunch with them to the trip.

### How to apply for SIBS?

Please see the contact details on the back of this flyer to request a SIBS application form.

We will send one out to you through the post with a self-addressed envelope, for you to complete and post back.

Staff will then look through your form with the SIBS project leaders.

We will then contact you to let you know if we can offer you a place.



#### **About our student volunteers**

Each child is paired up with a volunteer buddy, who is responsible for their well-being and enjoyment throughout the trip.

This includes full awareness of any medical needs.

#### All SIBS Volunteers have:

- Registered their details with Sheffield Volunteering
- Applied for, and passed a DBS check
- Obtained a personal reference
- Completed training in Safeguarding Children, Games training and Behavioural management
- SIBS Project Leaders are also First Aid trained.

## Do you have any Questions?

If you have any questions or would like an application form, please contact

Catherine O'Sullivan, Volunteering Coordinator

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SIBS@sheffield.ac.uk 0114 222 853 If it would be useful for you to meet some of the volunteers before coming, we will be happy to arrange that for you.





A fun day out for siblings of children with a disability