

## Providing Inclusive After-School Care for SEND Children

Theme: Inclusive Wraparound provision

Service Provided: After-School Care and Activities for SEND Children

**Overview:** Kids recognised the need for inclusive after-school programs for children with SEND, as many existing programs did not cater to their unique needs. They developed a wraparound care model that offered a safe, supportive environment for children with a wide range of disabilities. The program not only focused on childcare but also aimed to provide enrichment activities that promoted social skills, creativity, and physical activity.

### Key Best Practices:

- **Individualised Support Plans:** Children's needs were assessed on an individual basis, and personal care and support were provided as necessary to ensure they could participate in all activities.
- **Inclusive Activities:** The after-school program included a variety of activities, such as arts and crafts, music therapy, sports, and group games, designed to be accessible to children with different abilities.
- **Parental Involvement:** Parents were encouraged to be actively involved in their child's care, with regular feedback sessions and opportunities for them to engage in activities alongside their children.
- **Collaboration with Schools and Local Agencies:** Kids worked in partnership with local schools, healthcare professionals, and social services to ensure that each child received a holistic and well-rounded after-school experience.

### Outcome:

The program was successful in providing SEND children with a safe space to socialise, develop new skills, and enjoy leisure activities. Parents reported feeling more supported as they were able to balance their work and family life more easily. Children with SEND developed greater confidence and independence, and the inclusive nature of the program fostered a sense of belonging and community.

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