



What is 'Summer Provision' 2020?

1. Similar to regular July Provision in school or home. Between 2-4 weeks in school. Up to 40 hours at home.
2. Numeracy and literacy 'summer camps' in DEIS schools.
3. HSE led 'summer camp' or day respite type of support to up to 1200 children with complex needs. HSE disability services are to contact parents direct in relation to this.

Our main focus today is on option 1 and 3.

Who qualifies?

- Children with autism
- Children with a severe/profound intellectual disability
- All children in special classes (primary only) or schools
- All children with Down Syndrome, in primary school.
- All children with moderate intellectual disability in primary school.
- A child with mild-intellectual disability in mainstream does not qualify. Register your interest anyway as this does not seem fair.
- A child moving from early years setting to a special school or class setting.
- A child with severe visual or hearing impairment (primary).

School based provision



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The DES are contacting all special schools and schools with special classes with information about the 2020 'summer scheme'. It is voluntary for a school to participate or not. Note, that at present the DES has issued no guidance to schools on safe reopening after Covid-19.

- Minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 4 weeks. Cannot combine school and home based where the school provision is less than 4 weeks.
- Can be in July or August. More flexible on dates than other years.
- School can decide on timing and duration to suit local needs.
- Schools can register with the DES and then contact parents direct. If you like, ask your school if they are running the program.
- Usual transport grant will be available, but transport may be difficult with Covid-19 restrictions at present.

Home based provision

This is where a tutor comes into the home to provide educational support.

This is **only** an option where school based is not available or cannot accommodate a child (e.g. the school may provide for children in a special class only, and there is an eligible child in mainstream).

Up to 10 hours per week of tuition for up to 4 weeks. This is a maximum of 40 hours. You cannot exceed 10 hours per week. **Unlike in other years the 4 weeks do not have to be consecutive.**



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As in any year a registered teacher can provide the home program. In 2020, a SNA can provide the program. There is also a possibility of a HSE support worker.

HSE led program for children with complex needs

Based in schools. The DES are asking special schools to make their premises available. It will be staffed by SNAs that were re-deployed to the HSE.

Activity based 'summer camp' for up to 1200 children with complex needs to access "a number of 3-hour sessions per week". The program aims to give a family respite, engage the child with education and their peers.

Disability services will engage parents they think would benefit from the program and discuss availability and the amount of sessions for the child each week. Delivered by SNAs, supported by HSE clinical staff. You could be proactive and contact you local HSE key worker, social worker or therapists to express interest if this is for you.

Note: the program is subject to schools and SNAs making themselves available. Numbers will also be limited by public health advice.

What has a parent to for the summer program?

- Register online [here](#)



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- You will need your PPSN; your child's PPSN; school registration number. Only one form per parent; register all children on the one form.
- Contact your child's school to ask if they are running a program.
- Ask the school if your child is eligible for the program even if they are not running one. The DES has asked principals to make this decision.
- The school will sign a form saying your child is eligible.
- Find a registered teacher or SNA. Satisfy yourself about their Garda vetting and experience. The tutor needs to show you evidence of their Garda vetting. The tutor should provide a statutory declaration of vetting signed by a peace commissioner or notary or solicitor.
The tuition grant will not be paid if vetting is not in place.
- Get information from the school about your child (IEP or student support file) to support the tutor.
- Keep records of all hours worked by the tutor.
- Submit all paperwork to the DES to process.
- The DES issues a grant for payment in November. **Do not pay a tutor until the grant has been paid.**
- For school based programs you should not have to do anything.
- For the HSE program, the HSE disability services will contact you but it would be worthwhile contacting them to let them know you want to take part in the program.



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Further information

<https://www.education.ie/en/Parents/Services/summerprovision/summer-provision-2020-guide-for-parents.pdf>

<https://www.education.ie/en/Parents/Services/summerprovision/summer-education-programme-2020.html>

<https://www.education.ie/en/Parents/Services/summerprovision/home-based-guidance-summer-programme.pdf>



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