

## Parties for children with special needs who want to bring guests without special needs (mixed group)

The Space Centre is a charitable organisation providing sensory environments for anyone of any age with additional needs. The centre is open 7 days a week in order to cover the demand for special need sessions. Our groups come from all over the North West and beyond as there are very few facilities like Space in the UK.

We do have some availability for parties for those who have special needs who wish to bring non special needs guests - we call this a 'mixed' party.

These times are usually at the weekend in Space 1 for parties for pre-school and primary age children. Space 1 is ideal for the more active as it is padded upstairs and downstairs, has a slide, ball pool and a fibre optic hut with musical steps.

The capacity for Space 1 is 25 people for pre-school and 20 for primary age, which includes your children and accompanying adults. We do ask that there are at least 5 adults for supervision purposes.

## The cost is £50 for the sensory play hour.

Children with special needs, with non-special needs guests, can also book Space 2 for their party. Space 2 has a slide, clamber area and ball pool but the floor is not padded upstairs. It is slightly larger so can accommodate up to 30 people (pre-school age) and 25 people at primary school age - at least 5 of which should be adults.

## The cost is £55 for the sensory play hour.

You can view Space 1 and 2 rooms on YouTube or on our Facebook page. Follow this link for YouTube:

www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=the+space+centre+preston

There is also an option of hiring our party room (The Terrace Room) for £25 after your sensory play hour for food and games if desired. This is on a 'village hall' basis where you bring you own food and drink and take your own rubbish away! We do ask for a £20 deposit which is returnable after your party if the room is left in a satisfactory state. This includes rubbish being removed and a quick sweep and wipe of the tables.

You can bring your own music to play on our ipod dock or our CD player and also bring balloons etc. We politely ask you not to tape/stick anything on the walls though as this damages the paint and artwork in this room.

Parking – Most of the parking at Space is reserved for our special needs groups so the parents of the party child with special needs can park anywhere in our car park as can any of their guests who have special needs.

Please ask your non special needs guests to park on Egerton Road and walk the 200 yards down Pedders Lane to Space. Alternatively they can use Homebase car park. (Please NEVER park in Whinfield Lane or Pedders Grove opposite Space as these roads are very narrow and busy).

A Space party is really a DIY situation. We do not provide invitations or party bags and we realise that the parking is not ideal. However you will be helping a charity by booking your party here and helping to subsidise the running costs of the centre which are huge! There are hundreds of children and adults with very varied difficulties who visit Space regularly each month and gain skills from the bespoke facilities. We need to keep this valuable resource going for their benefit.

For parents/carers of anyone with special needs please contact us for further information about our prices and sessions.





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