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Sent: 01 September 2025 18:21
To: Ruth Ross <r.ross@shropshire-chamber.co.uk>
Subject: Re: **Urgent Need for School Holiday Cover for SEND Families in Shropshire and Telford** (Case Ref: SA36373)



Dear Ruth, [CEO – Shropshire Chamber of Commerce]

Thank you for your email.

As a parent, I want to ensure that every child is supported to succeed. I am aware that the number of children on education, health and care plans in Shropshire has tripled over the last five years – with 2,500 children now being supported by a plan.

In February, I urged Ministers to improve access to specialist education in rural areas like South Shropshire. You can find out more about this at www.stuartanderson.org.uk/news/stuart-anderson-mp-bid-end-postcode-lottery-support-disabled-children.

The last government provided funding for every local authority to deliver highly impactful school holiday provision, providing hundreds of thousands of children from low income families with healthy meals and enriching activities.

As part of this, local authorities must ensure that they are fully compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and put in place any reasonable adjustments to make sure children with disabilities can take part.

I have called for an extension of this funding, which Ministers accepted on 28th August 2025. Further details can be found at www.gov.uk/government/news/parents-to-save-thousands-in-government-cost-of-living-support.

I am encouraged that 100% of the organisations commissioned to run holiday clubs in Shropshire offer places for children and young people with SEND. I would be interested in supporting further initiatives to support dedicated provision in rural areas like ours.

I would be happy to raise your case with Shropshire Council. In order for me to do so, please could you kindly reply with your permission to share your case-notes and contact details with them?
[Actioned by Chamber]

Kind regards,

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