

Mini Hoppers Welcome Letter



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The team at Haldane Youth Services would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our existing and new members of the Mini Hopper Project. We are looking forward to working with you and your child. We have detailed some information which you may find useful.

Background

Haldane Youth Services is a registered charity working in the West Dunbartonshire area delivering after school activities and youth provision. We work with children from the local primary and the wider community. Our group is run by a voluntary Board of Trustees made up of local people.

We are committed in offering young people the opportunity to participate in a range of activities which will increase their skill base, raise their aspirations which in turn will increase their confidence and boost self-esteem.

Charitable Status

We rely on support from the local authority, trusts, funders, and supporters to enable us to run our projects. As a group we actively fundraise in our own time and encourage your family to support these events.

If you would like to become a parent helper/volunteer or be involved with our Management Committee, please get in touch to discuss the matter further.

We are currently funded by BBC Children in Need. The Robertson Trust, Young Start the National Lottery, The Henry Smith Charity, West Dunbartonshire Youth Success Fund, Reach Bank of Scotland Foundation, The Hunter Foundation.

Staff Team

- Carolyn Mackie - Project Manager
- Jack Martin - Project Assistant
- Sarah Houston – Youth Worker
- Chloe Daly – Trainee Youth Worker
- Jay Sweeney – Trainee Youth Worker
- Carrieanne McVey – Youth/Outreach Worker
- Jane Fincham – Outreach worker
- Leanne Andrew – Administrative & Financial Assistant

Attending Mini Hoppers

Our Programme runs on a 2-block basis, running from September - December and then a new sign up will be sent for January - June.

- Sessions run from 3pm-4:30pm.
- Sessions take place at Balloch Campus Gym Hall.
- Your child will receive an invite letter via email, please check your spam folder as we have previously noted that some parents/guardians haven't received a letter due to it being directed to their spam.

- Your Child will be collected from their classroom at 3pm by a member of our staff.
- All young people will be provided with a snack and juice during our sessions.

Medical Forms - IMPORTANT

When enrolling with us we ask that you fill out a medical form detailing who to contact in an emergency and the child's medical history. This needs to be returned as soon as possible in case an emergency takes place.

Medical Form: <https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/7d4a582e/c8ddb98239d0aca0/>

Payment

Each session that your child attends we ask for a £1 fee. This can be paid individually or for the month. Trips and residential are slightly more depending on what they are. This will be stated on the invite letter or discussed if a parents meeting is necessary.

Keep in Touch

Please like our Facebook Page to receive regular updates about the project. Just search Haldane Youth Services and "like" our page.

Phone: 01389 600367

Email: info@haldaneyouthservices.org.uk

Visit our website: <https://haldaneyouthservices.org.uk/>

Please save our email address above in your email to ensure you receive all emails sent from Haldane Youth Services.

Our Team is very much looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) and please do not hesitate to contact our team with any questions or queries about our projects.

Kind Regards,
Haldane Youth Services Team



Dear Parent/ Guardian

Are you interested in our Mini Hopper Project!

Activity:	Mini Hoppers (P1-P3)
Date:	Every Wednesday and Friday from the 9th Sept 2026
Place:	Gym Hall, Balloch Campus
Times:	3pm-4:30pm
Cost:	£1 donation
You will need:	Comfortable indoor shoes

We're delighted to welcome both familiar faces and new adventurers to another exciting year of Mini Hoppers—a vibrant, imaginative play programme designed to help children grow in confidence, creativity, and connection.

At Mini Hoppers, children explore dynamic play scenarios that spark imagination, build new skills, and encourage meaningful friendships. Our sessions are rooted in three learning pillars:

- 🧠 **Creative Thinking** – problem-solving through play and exploration.
- 🎨 **Creative Arts** – expressing ideas through movement, music, and making.
- 😊 **Happy Minds** – building emotional resilience and self-confidence.

If you'd like your child to join Mini Hoppers this year, please complete the enclosed medical form and permission slip, indicating your preferred day of attendance (one day per child). You can return the forms in one of two ways:

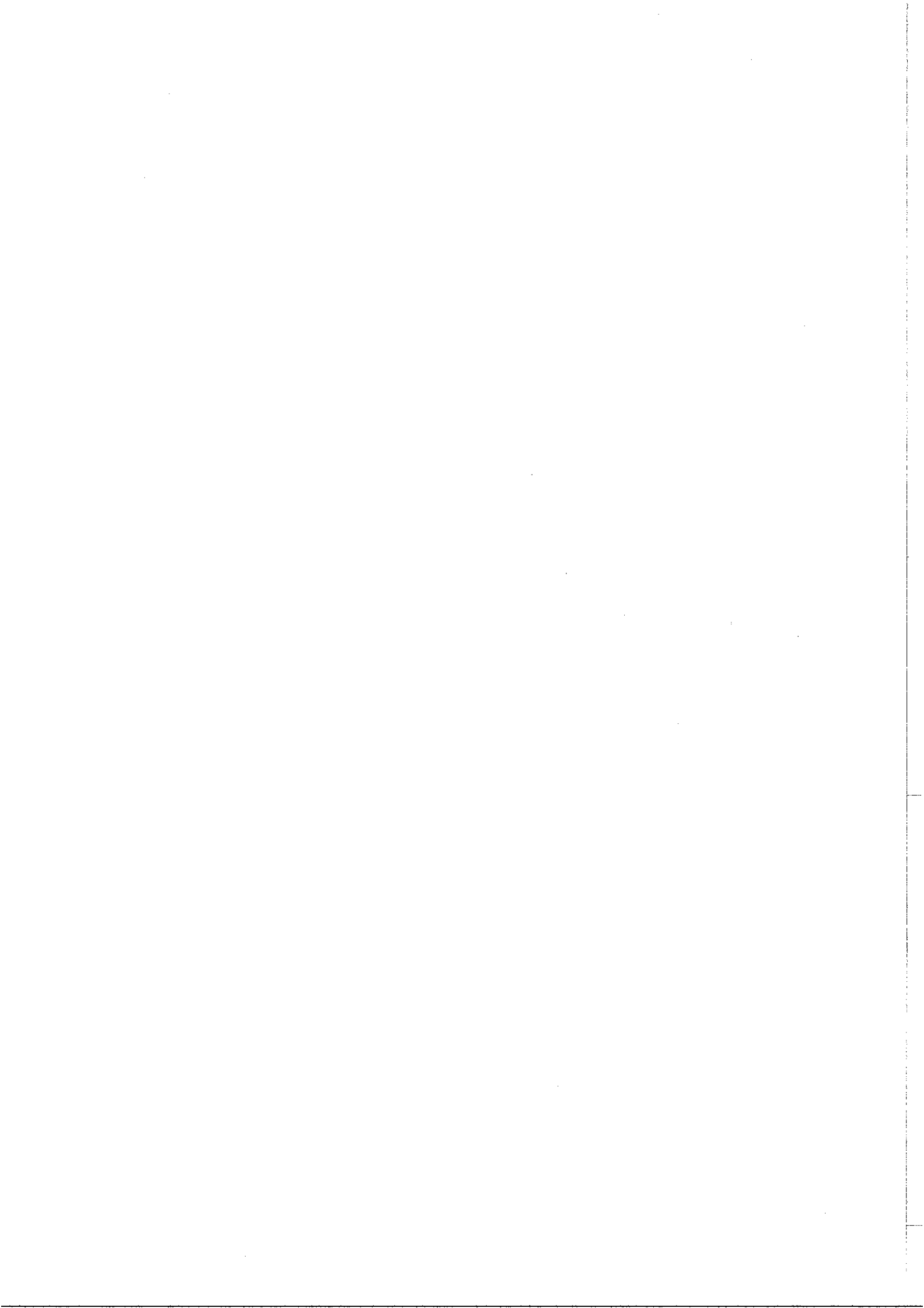
- Hand them into the school office
- or
- Say hello to our friendly staff in the playground (look for the pink hi-vis jackets at the end of the school day) and pass the forms directly to them.

Once we receive your forms, you'll receive an invite letter via email confirming your child's session day and collection arrangements. We'll do our very best to accommodate your preferred day, but if you're flexible, feel free to tick both options—this helps us place children more efficiently while ensuring a fun and safe experience for all.

We can't wait to welcome your child into the Mini Hoppers world of imagination, challenge, and play.

Kind regards,
The Haldane Youth Services Team

If you have any other queries, contact the team:
Email: info@haldaneyouthservices.org.uk
Phone: 01389 600367





Mini Hoppers Sign Up

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We're excited to announce that our first Mini Hoppers session of this term will take place on Wednesday 9th September 2026!

To help us plan, please complete the tear-off slip below indicating your preferred day for your child to attend, Wednesday, Friday, or either and return it to the school office or hand it to one of our friendly staff members in the playground (look out for the pink hi-vis jackets).

We'll do our very best to accommodate everyone's preferences, though please note that due to high demand, we may not be able to guarantee your chosen day.

Once placements are confirmed, you'll receive an invite letter via email with details of your child's allocated session and collection arrangements.

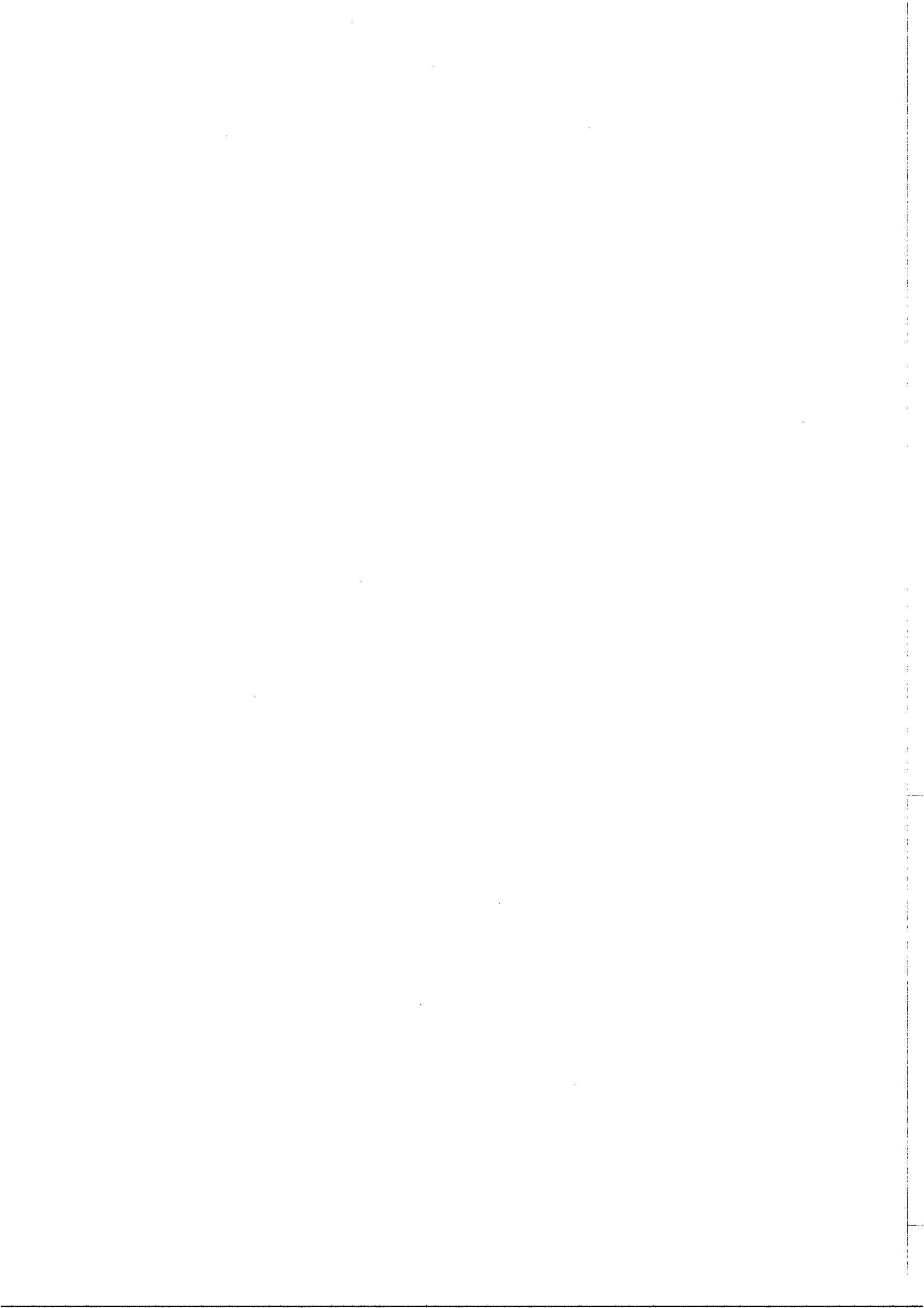
Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to welcome your child into another year of imaginative play and learning with Mini Hoppers!

Kind regards,
The Haldane Youth Services Team

I(parent/guardian name) would prefer for my
child(young person's name) to attend the Mini
Hoppers project run by Haldane Youth Services on the following day:

Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>
Either Day <input type="checkbox"/>	

If you have any other queries, contact the team:
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MEDICAL FORM

School: Primary class and age:

Surname: Forenames: Date of Birth:...../...../.....

Address: Postcode:

Parents/Guardians Names(if under 18): Email Address:

Phone No: Mobile:

EMERGENCY CONTACT/NEXT OF KIN (Please name a responsible adult we can contact in an emergency)

Name: Relationship to you:

Address: Postcode: Contact number:.....

ETHNICITY: RELIGION:

CONSENT: As a Registered Children’s Charity, we are required to evidence the work we undertake with children and young people. This may include documentation in the following formats and the use of specific applications during sessions.

Please read the list below carefully. If you **do not wish to give consent** for any item, please tick the box to opt out. If no box is ticked, we will assume consent has been given.

- Photographs (used for display, reports, or promotional materials)
- Film (short clips for internal review or celebration of activities)
- Face Paint (used occasionally during themed activities)
- Midgie Repellent (applied outdoors when needed)
- Sun Tan Lotion / After Sun Lotion (applied when appropriate and weather-dependent)

DISABILITY: Tick the appropriate box as appropriate. Do you suffer from:

- | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| A mental health condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | Behavioural difficulties | <input type="checkbox"/> | No disability or impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A physical Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Learning difficulties | <input type="checkbox"/> | Details | |

Please state if there is any other information you wish to share with Haldane Youth Services Team to enable effective working with you.

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MEDICAL FORM

Name of Child:

DOCTORS INFORMATION

Surname: Forenames: Practice:

Address: Postcode: Phone No.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Have you ever had	Yes /No	Give details and dates below
Heart trouble, raised blood pressure?		
Asthma, bronchitis, tuberculosis?		
Diabetes?		
Epilepsy, fainting, migraine, head injury?		
Nervous illness, psychiatric treatment?		
Allergies (medicines, insects or food)?		
Fractures?		
Are you suffering, or a carrier of any infectious disease?		
Do you suffer from any other medical or physical conditions?		
Tetanus?		
Currently taking medication?		
Special dietary requirements?		

If your medical history changes please inform staff at the Project as soon as possible to enable them to update your file.

I declare that all personal and medical information on this form is true and I have not withheld any relevant information. By signing this form I endorse the following statements;

- I agree that I may participate in activities organised and delivered by Haldane Youth Services.
- I give permission for any medical treatment deemed necessary to ensure my well-being.
- I agree to Haldane Youth Services storing my personal data.

Therefore, in furtherance of GDPR compliance,

I consent do not consent to the holding and processing of my personal data.

Signature:

Date:

All the information on this form will be treated as **confidential** in line with our Data Protection Act. This information is required in order to allow Haldane Youth Services to give appropriate medical help and support. **Insurance Cover:** Your signature above will be taken as a declaration stating that you understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided under Haldane Youth Service's Insurance Policy. The cover is as follows: £5,000,000 public liability Insurance.