

# Special Needs Surfing – Pupil Form

## Project Statement

Discovery Surf School in partnership with Surf Relief UK (Charity), Plymouth City Council and Devon Council are working together to provide surfing to enable children and young people with disabilities to experience the sport in a safe structured and flexible environment. Surf relief and Discovery has been one of the fore runners in enabling disabilities to surf since 2002 and is constantly striving to extend its services throughout the Devon County and further afield. The Discovery instructors are widely experienced when teaching disabilities, our flexible attitude and understanding allows us to cater our teaching styles and skills to each individual.

1. The participant must be within Discovery’s criteria below in order to qualify for the surfing program:

Criteria	Please tick below
The child/young person/adult is officially recognised with having a disability	
A responsible, parent, guardian, carers or adult must be present through out the session	
Any risks to discovery staff made clear before the session	
A conversation with the Surf School Manager or Senior Coach must be had prior to booking the session and the lesson will proceed at the discretion of these individuals with regards to the above	
A responsible, parent, guardian carers or adult must be available to assist the child/ young person when fitting the wetsuits.	
At all times other than the lesson period the parent, guardian, carer or adult will be responsible for the child/young person.	

2. Due to the very nature of some of the disabilities that will be attending we understand that behaviors, medical conditions and personalities vary hugely. Please use the questions below to help us understand and prepare the lesson:

a) Please state the child’s condition, disability, or special needs. E.g. child with autism.

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Please state any medical conditions of the child young/person. E.g. asthma.

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a) Please state below any negative trigger points that would cause the child/young person to become upset or angry. For example a fear of Dog’s or an aversion to tight clothing such as a wetsuit.

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d) Please state below any positive trigger points that could be used to ease anxiety or stress. For example the child/young person may particularly enjoy being in a car or talking about a favoured subject.

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e) Any comment that might assist the surf instructor. E.g. Is your child is sensory seeking?

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### Contact details

Pupil Name:	DOB:
Name and Contact of Responsible parent, guardian or carers:	
Pupil Address:	
Telephone	
Email:	

### ASSOCIATED RISKS

Please be aware that this activity involves only appropriately qualified and knowledgeable surfing instructors. All due care and diligence will be taken to ensure that instruction is undertaken in a safe manner.

Surfing entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death or damage to the surfer, to property, or to third parties. Such risks simply cannot be totally eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the surfing activity.

The risks include but are not limited to: being hit by the surfboard, by other surfers or their boards, which could result in cuts, bruises, abrasions and/or concussions; hitting the bottom of the ocean; sprains, broken bones, paralysis, even death; exhaustion, dehydration, sunburn; accidental drowning.

Surfing instructors have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They may misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

It will receive media/press coverage and attention, as well as conducting its own marketing materials, I hereby consent to the taping, photographing and/or recording of my, my family's and my child's image/appearance, voice, conversation and/or sounds of which Surf Relief UK shall be the exclusive owner of copyright and have the right to use in any manner, for an unlimited number of times, in perpetuity throughout the world.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_ confirm that I am the person with parental responsibility for \_\_\_\_\_ (Participant) and that all information provided in this document is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ (participant) to participate. I assume any and all liability for the above- named child/young person at all times other than during the lesson. I have read the attached list of potential risks associated with surfing lessons and waive, discharge and covenant not to pursue legal action, and agree to hold harmless Discovery Surf School or Surf Relief UK, their representatives, officers, advisors, agents and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, demands or injury, including death that may be sustained by the participant arising out of participation in the experience/lesson.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_