

CHICKS is an accredited ASDAN centre



ASDAN
Customised Accreditation 2015/2016

Registered charity in England and Wales (1080953)

Centre Accreditation Number - 34664

Children on CHICKS breaks in term-time can be marked as Present on the school register....

- What is ASDAN?

ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network) is a curriculum development and awarding organisation. It offers programmes and qualifications that give credit for children's skills in a non-classroom/academic environment as not all children thrive in the normal academic-based curriculum. ASDAN has been widely adopted by UK schools as a way of crediting non-academic skills and **CHICKS** is able to further this development with the respite breaks that we provide.

- Benefits for the children

A significant benefit of this accreditation is that the children's attendance record will not be affected by attending a **CHICKS** break during term-time.

Whilst away on break, the children can be registered as **Present** by their school under **Category B**.

ASDAN recognises that the children are still learning, but in an outside environment. The benefits to the children's progress at school upon return are significant too as Referral Agents have noted how **CHICKS** children appear more confident to participate in the classroom, putting their hand up more and getting on better with peers, having developed these social skills on their respite break.

CHICKS respite breaks offer children the opportunity for '**Personal Development and Experience**' (our ASDAN certificate title). The children will be awarded this certificate provided that the Respite Break Leaders feel that they have tried something new: this could be their first time horse-riding, over-coming any fears, their first time away from home, making new friends or trying new food. At **CHICKS** we believe that the majority of children who come to us try something new, push themselves a little further or encourage others within the group to do so, making the breaks so special.

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