



Autism Wessex Skydive FAQs

When is the Skydive?

The Skydive will take place on Saturday 23rd May 2020.

Where is the Skydive taking place?

The Skydive takes place at:

Go Skydive

Old Sarum Park

Salisbury

SP4 6EB

What age do you have to be to Skydive?

You need to be at least 16 years old to do a tandem skydive, if you are aged between 16-18 years old you will need a parent or legal guardian to sign to give their consent. Please contact us if you need this form – 01202 483360 or email fundraising@autismwessex.org.uk

There is no upper age limit for taking part in the skydive; however, you will need to be reasonably fit and healthy. You will be asked to declare your fitness on the day by signing a declaration form.

What is the Skydive weight limit?

The weight limit for a tandem skydive with Go Skydive is 18 stone. However, just like every other jumper you will be assessed by a highly qualified tandem master on the day of your jump, should they have any concerns about your ability to manoeuvre into any of the required skydiving positions you will not be able to jump.

Due to higher operational costs, there is a charge for any weight in excess of 15 stone. 15-16 stone £10, 16-17 stone additional £20, 17-18 stone additional £30.

What is the best way to raise money for my Skydive?

The quickest and easiest way to raise money is by setting up a Just Giving fundraising page. It's easy to set up and manage, and means that your family and friends can sponsor you at any time and you won't need to collect money. Anything you raise through an online giving platform will be transferred directly to us.

We can also provide you with a paper sponsorship form for you to collect donations from those who may want to give you money in person.

We will support you on your fundraising journey, so do get in touch for one of our fundraising packs, which include many brilliant ideas!

What happens if I don't meet my fundraising target?

It's very important that anyone taking part in the Skydive raises the minimum target of £345. If you give yourself enough time to really focus on raising the sponsorship, you will be able to raise this amount.

Please remember that our Fundraising team are always on hand to help you when you require it, you can pick up the phone to us anytime. You can also download our Fundraising Pack, which contains lots of useful fundraising information to help you raise the required amount.

If for any reason you don't manage to raise the full amount, we can discuss your options with you.

How do I pay in any sponsorship money?

You can pay your sponsorship money in by visiting us at our office, through our website or by cheque.

We are based at:

Charity Hub

Portfield School

Parley Lane

Christchurch

Dorset

BH23 6BP

If you are donating through our website, please make sure to tell us that this is towards your skydive fundraising target. Please make cheques payable to Autism Wessex and send them to the address above, with a note to advise this is for your skydiving target.

Can I bring my family and friends to watch me on the day?

Family and friends are always encouraged to come and support you on the day. Go Skydive have plenty of free on-site parking, and a café on site serving hot and cold food with lots of

seating available. Supervised children are welcome; the airfield does not allow ball games or radio-controlled toys.

Will the weather affect my Skydive?

Tandem Skydiving is a weather dependent activity, and for the safety of jumpers, you will only be able to jump when the weather conditions are suitable. It needs to be a nice clear day with low wind levels and minimum cloud cover.

The weather is assessed at 5pm the day before your jump, and you will be notified by Go Skydive as soon as possible after 5pm if they think the weather is unsuitable for your jump to go ahead.

What should I wear?

Please wear comfortable clothing. Trainers are recommended for footwear. A Jumpsuit, hat, and goggles will be provided by Go Skydive on the day. We will provide you with an Autism Wessex t-shirt, which you can wear on top of your jumpsuit on the day to show everyone why you're skydiving!

If you have any other questions, please contact a member of the Fundraising Team on 01202 483360 or alternatively email fundraising@autismwessex.org.uk