 Free, friendly and confidential

Free Cakes for Kids is a community service to families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. The cakes are baked by volunteers with the kid’s favourite theme or style.

Edinburgh Branch

The Edinburgh Branch started in February 2013 and now supply children’s birthday cakes to over forty organisations across Edinburgh. We have nearly fifty volunteers and more people on a waiting list wishing to become involved.

The cakes are made by our local bakers, who also pay for the ingredients. The volunteers are amateurs that enjoy baking and decorating cakes that accommodate the child or young person’s favourite theme or style. Recent examples include a Lilo & Stitch cake, Fortnite and the usual football cakes, with the most requested cakes being Unicorns and Minecraft!

We use a referral form that groups complete and return, noting all the details for the cake. We ask for 14 days’ notice, if possible. We normally put the age and name on the cake, unless you prefer not to have the person’s name on the cake. The cakes can be delivered to a centre or to individual addresses.

We take Food Safety very seriously and endeavour to ensure that our cakes will be safe as possible. All volunteers undergo food safety training and we have a “no-nut” policy. Although we bake without nuts, we cannot ensure that our cakes do not contain “traces of nuts” and we ask you mention that to the family when they ask for a cake. Volunteers are asked to make sure any allergens noted on the referral forms are strictly adhered to.

It is up to the group to decide who should receive a cake but it is important to remember the cost of the cakes and the time spent is considerable and as volunteers, things like delivery and times has to be flexible. We do not have a list of criteria, but ask that cakes are only offered to families who would not be able to afford to buy a cake or would not get a cake for some other personal family reason, We do not provide all young people and children involved in the group with a cake, only those with a genuine need. We also ask that the group checks with the family or carer that no other cake is being provided and also to check about the theme.

Any questions contact me: Lesley Pert 01315542529

The web site for Free Cakes for you to check out is <http://www.freecakesforkids.org.uk/>

We also have a Facebook page with pictures of all the cakes we have provided so far <https://www.facebook.com/FreeCakesForKidsEdinburgh?ref_type=bookmark>

