



The d:two Family Centre based at Henley Baptist Church, opened to children and families on Monday 8th May 2018. Since then it has been used nearly every day for pre school aged children to enjoy.

The project outcomes to date have far exceeded our expectations specifically in the area in the number of families attending and the enthusiasm of those who have visited the centre. There have been more than 6000 recorded visits by children and their parents/carers since 1st April 2019 and due to popular demand, we are now opening five mornings a week, we have dad's breakfast on term time Saturdays for fathers and male carers, as well as being open for Health Visitors some afternoons.

Families can enjoy the soft play equipment and many other varied activities including water and sand play, creative play and craft work. The garden space has lots of learning opportunities and is enjoyed by the children. Feedback from families has been extremely positive.

Funding of £5000 last financial year came from the town council for which we are very thankful, this continued to help maintain a high standard of equipment which obviously suffers from a lot of wear and tear. We would be very grateful if they would consider further funding this coming year to continue help us with maintaining the Centre, replacing the toys and equipment both indoors and outdoors in order to continue providing a quality setting for the children and their parents/carers to enjoy and benefit from. Most weekdays we offer several free or reduced priced places for children who couldn't otherwise afford to come.

There is a charge made to families using the centre and it is hoped that with some additional fundraising efforts and the help of volunteers, the project will be sustainable for many years to come.

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