



The d:two Family Centre is a softplay centre, based at Henley Baptist Church, opened to children and families on Monday 8th May 2018. Before the lockdown it was open nearly every day for pre school aged children to enjoy.

During lockdown we used the time to decorate the centre and invest in ways we could open up again safely. We were then able to open for about 2 weeks before we were locked down again! However, we are excited to be opening up again in May and expect to have our usual 6000 recorded visits by children and their parents/carers since during the next year. We also plan to continue our group for fathers and male carers on a Saturday morning during term time. Despite lockdown we have been able to open safely for Health Visitors some afternoons.

When we are open 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 £2500 last financial year came from the town council for which we are very thankful, it was mainly used for redecoration. When we reopen, most weekdays we will continue to 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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