

## **d:two Family Centre**

In the aftermath of the closure of the Henley Children's Centre in March 2017, the d:two Family Centre based at Henley Baptist Church, opened to children and families on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The project outcomes so far 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 September of this year and due to popular demand, we are now opening five mornings a week.

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 £7500 this financial year came from the town council for which we are very thankful, this continued to help set up the centre in its new format and maintain a high standard of equipment. We would be very grateful if they would consider further funding this coming year.

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.

**Joanna Bray | d:two Family Centre Manager**

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