



First Steps Bath

Fundraising 2024 - 2025

How you can make a difference



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Who are we?



First Steps (Bath) is a Registered Charity and Social Enterprise. Our aim is to improve outcomes for young children in areas of need by working alongside their families and other professionals, through our Early Childhood Community Centres and our Specialist Early Years Centre Bath Opportunity Pre School, BOP.

We provide quality, inclusive child care and services for families that enable children to enjoy education and learning in a warm and welcoming environment and support parents back into education, training and employment. BOP is a specialist setting providing Early Years Education and therapeutic services to children with additional needs from Bath and North East Somerset. Children enjoy an environment where staff work in partnership with parents and multi-discipline professionals promoting good practice in early Intervention services.



How your support will be targeted

1. Providing free meals - £20,000

This funding will enable First Steps to provide free, nutritionally balanced midday meals in our day-care settings to young children of families who would qualify for free school meals. (The statutory free school meals scheme does not apply to pre-school children)



This will ensure that young children from poorer families eat at least one good meal a day and are in the best position to benefit from all the learning and development opportunities in the nursery. It also provides opportunities for First Steps to encourage and support parents to provide a more nutritionally balanced diet for their children. Parents tell us that they value this provision, that it helps parents manage low income and broadens the types of food that children enjoy and will eat.

2. Providing trips, activities and educational equipment/resources - £8,500

Your support will fund play equipment and trips, which will enable First Steps to provide an enriched range of opportunities for learning and development for all young children attending our day-care settings and groups.





3. Partnership with Parents - £3,655

To provide opportunities for parents to meet one another and codesign activities that support their child's learning , parents children and early years practitioners having fun and benefitting from each others knowledge of children. Every parent is their own child's expert.

Why are we looking for this additional funding?

Your support will help young children in Bath who are most at risk of being disadvantaged by poverty, family circumstances and/or special needs. First Steps Bath needs to raise funds to provide these projects in addition to the high-quality early years education and care provided at the Twerton and Moorlands centres and our Early Years Specialist Centre, Bath Opportunity Pre-School.

First Steps' services are totally inclusive - at any one time, we work with around a third of children with special education or family support needs. Our staff have specialist training to understand the barriers to children's effective learning. We work in partnership with families, building on strengths and preventing issues that stop children from becoming active and confident learners. Your support will truly make a difference by helping children to have the best start in their early years.

“What happens during a mother’s pregnancy, and the years that follow, has a huge impact on a child. A child’s physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language development are significantly impacted by their early relationships, experiences and nourishment. Not all children get the same start, and this inequality can follow them through the rest of their lives.

Government funding for early years provision does not cover the full cost of providing early years provision to meet the needs of every child and their family. First Steps insures inclusion by offering a variety of bookable sessions, and through our free meals programme and waiver of a sustainability charge for families on low income.



Charities - in conjunction with statutory services - play a vital role in helping to improve the support for families during this crucial period, and to level the playing field and improve a child's life chances by intervening in this early stage.”

New Philanthropy Capital (2018), Funding a Good Start



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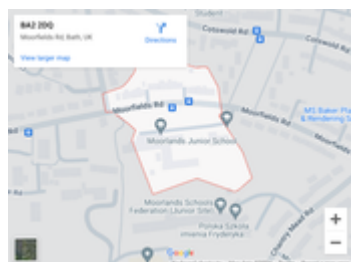
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