

MARCH 2021



WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2 CAROLS

At last the weather is improving and so are the plans for coming out of lockdown. We are all ready for better times we know and here at SNOOP we are happy that we are still here and looking forward to seeing everyone again back at SNOOP.

Our adults service was allowed to re-open after 10 long months and it's great to see people again. After School and Play Schemes were not allowed to open during lockdown, but from 8th March we can so the team are really looking forward to seeing you all in person instead of on a screen.

Oh, how things have changed, but we have learned so much and although things may still not be back to how they were before, our new ways of working mean that we can be more creative and person centred. We know you too may feel a bit unsure about coming back, but we want you to know that here at SNOOP we are doing everything possible to make sure you are safe and the staff are safe. We have all had our first vaccination here too.

We can't wait for you to come back. Thank you for all your support through these really challenging months. See you very soon.

The 2 Carols

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Adult services update

We reopened for small groups of young adults in January 2021. The young adults have coped really well with all the new procedures and have settled right back in!

They have been busy setting their new goals and planning lots of different activities. This term we have been focussing on physical and emotional wellbeing, with activities including healthy baking, garden planning for spring, emotions activities and keeping up our fitness levels by doing YouTube workouts and walking around SNOOP's grounds.

Our young adults who are not yet returning to SNOOP are still very much part of our SNOOP community. We have been keeping in touch with them via our three times a week zoom sessions, which have been really popular and all the young adults have had the opportunity to join in with our monthly activity calendar.

We miss the busy days of us all being together but hope that can happen soon and we look forward to some exciting times ahead.

What's on....

- Check out your March calendar for all the upcoming activities and zoom times.
- Spring is here and we are making plans for the adults garden, got any ideas? send them to the adults team.
- Mothers day is on the 14th of March, look in your packs for something fun to make!.

Alice's story

"My name is Alice, I am 26 years old. Before the pandemic I came to SNOOP twice a week. I also went to another day service and worked in a cafe. I think the virus is rubbish, it gets boring after a while and nothing much is open. I like to go for walks and used to like to go to the cinema too. My life is different now. I really want all this to go back to normal soon. It feels strange now, but it's good to be back at SNOOP for one day a week"

“ You know I'm so happy being back at SNOOP!-Young Adult ”

Children's services update

Although we haven't been allowed to open during the latest lockdown we have been busy preparing activity packs to complete at home and activity ideas have been posted weekly on our facebook page.

Some activities had links to videos which included staff from SNOOP doing step by step tutorials on how things were made.

Zoom sessions with Bex and Ciara were hugely popular. Parents were very keen to book their slot and feedback was very positive. The children were excited to tell staff what they had been up to and show us their favourite things at home. We also saw lots of pets!

"I found this teddy because it makes me calm and SNOOP makes me calm"

Bex and Ciara planned a fun treasure hunt for the children to do around their homes via zoom, it was lovely to see the children very excited to see their friends and everyone was asking when they could come back to SNOOP.

"It's lovely to know that other children know my child and that he has friends at SNOOP"

Bex and Ciara also enjoyed learning 'You've got a friend in me' from Toy Story and recording it for their first YouTube video. Toy Story is a big hit in children's services so the song was chosen to suit their interests.

"We watched it over the weekend and loved it, well done and the kids can't wait to see you again"

Staff are working hard to ensure everything is in place in preparation of reopening. Nothing has changed! It is still the same with very exciting activities for everyone to come back and enjoy.



After school will re open on March 15th and the Easter Play-scheme will run from March 29th until April 9th excluding bank holidays.

Staff have really enjoyed taking part in the activities and loved seeing everyone via zoom. We cannot wait to see you all back soon!

Nursery update

Spring brings so many opportunities to learn new things. It brings new life and growth so we have been planting vegetables, building dens indoors and outdoors using crates, sticks, newspaper and we even had a make-believe firepit and had our snack time around it.

We have been talking about 'life-cycles' and learned about the life cycle of a hen. As part of our 'Cultural Capital' learning a hen came to visit Tadpoles Nursery ! Nothing beats seeing and hearing real animals, especially when the children have never met a real hen before. The children asked questions and were really curious to find out the answers.

The children are also working together to plan our new outdoor learning space. They have some really interesting ideas, watch this space.

“ Everyone at Tadpoles have been fantastic with Eddie, In such little time I have noticed a big difference in Eddie's social skills - Parent ”



Other news



Mencap have produced some 'easy read' information about the Covid-19 vaccine, Follow the link for the information.

mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19



Here at SNOOP we have been thinking about different ways our children and young adults can connect with each other safely during lockdown.

Symbolsend is a messaging app created specifically for non-verbal children and adults along with their families, allowing remote communication using visual symbols instead of written text. Symbolsend allows fuller, more meaningful communications.

The app hasn't launch yet but check the website for more details. We will let you know when it launches.

<https://symbolsend.app/>



SNOOP is working with join us move play to encourage children to be more active. You can find out more about their work at joinusmoveplay.org

Our socials

Have you checked out our socials?

One of the easiest ways for us to keep in contact with you is through social media.

SNOOP has a YouTube channel
SNOOP Charity

A Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/SNOOPCharity>

A twitter account @snoopcharity



The my living well campaign is encouraging everyone to be active for 20 minutes a day. Check out their website for ideas!

mylivingwell.co.uk

Don't forget about our pamper raffle! the draw will be held on the 10th of March in time for Mothers day. There is still time to buy tickets!



FUNDRAISING

Thanks to all our funders, your grants have made a huge difference to our work!

Thank you!

Join in with our 30 for 30 challenge!

Last year we began our 30 for 30 challenge with the aim of raising £30,000. Thanks to some wonderful donations, our recent raffles and brilliant fundraising raising efforts we have made a great start to our campaign!

Would you like to help us?

Whilst many of us donate or fundraise for national charities with often forget about small, local charities.

Fundraising or donating to SNOOP makes a huge difference to our service.



£10

£10 provides play resources such as art and craft materials and outdoor toys

£30

£30 provides 1 hour of care for a child with SEND

£100

£100 provides Sensory equipment for children and adults with complex needs

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