

# Quarterly Foundation News

October to December 2019



## Happy New Year!

Welcome to the quarterly newsletter from the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and have a Happy New Year! 2019 was another successful year for the Foundation, thanks to the support of the entire Bright Horizons community; employees, families, clients and partners.

### Fundraising

Activities in 2020 took place throughout the year, as well as during our annual FUNdraising Campaign in October and November. We raised £148,189 - an increase of 10% on our 2018 fundraising!

Fundraisers included cake sales, raffles, and fetes in Bright Horizons nurseries and support offices; as well as a number of personal challenges, including a team from Warrington climbing High Cup Nick, Tracy Pattison running 10 miles for the first time, and the Harpenden team cycling 100km on an exercise bike!

We were also generously supported by employers and suppliers, and were awarded grants from a number of other trusts and Foundations for new Bright Spaces.

This fundraising success enabled us to open a record number of Bright Spaces last year. 19 new Bright Spaces opened in 2019, compared with 12 in 2018!

This means that we are reaching thousands more children and families who are disadvantaged in some way. We want to thank you for all your support last year, whatever you did, and deeply appreciate your commitment to making a difference.



### Bright Spaces



Of the 19 Bright Spaces which opened last year, 10 opened in the last quarter of the year. They were for Berkshire Women's Aid, Sussex Police, Refuge Teddington, Depaul, Met Police in Lewisham, HMP Belmarsh, Hampshire Police and Refuge Westminster.

At the Bright Horizons Leadership Conference in November, the delegates produced 400 Calm Me Kits to help children in our Bright Spaces to relax and feel calm.

Watch our [video](#) to learn more about the Bright Spaces we opened in 2019.



### Coming up!



We are 15 this year! What a long way we have come since we opened our very first Bright Space in 2005!

Look out for more information coming in February about our 15 walking challenges taking place throughout the UK between April and September, to raise awareness and funds for the Foundation!

In February we will be surveying our Bright Space partners to evaluate the impact that our Bright Spaces had in 2019, and will share the results when they are ready.

To keep up to date with Foundation news as it happens, please do follow us on social media. We are on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

We can't wait to see what 2020 brings!

## Thank you for all you do!