

Steve is 27 and a single father to his two-year old son Tom. Since attending Parenting Classes at the Early Years Centre, his confidence has soared and his relationship with Tom has strengthened.

"Tom was about 16 months old when we started going and I was beginning to be a bit concerned about his behaviour, but they taught me how to talk to him and how not to proposition him. It's really helped me understand him and he is responding so much better as a result. I never raised my voice to him in the past, but now I realise that I probably won't need to because there are other, better ways to get my point across to him."

Kelly Garrat, 20, is a single mum with two children, Cayden aged two and Maycie who is four months old. Some months after Cayden was born she began to suspect that something wasn't quite as it should be, and despite pointing out her fears to her doctor and taking Cayden for various tests, nothing was done and she was close to giving up.

Diagnosis

Thanks to the patience and support of staff at the Stockingford Early Years Centre who supported her, Cayden was diagnosed with autism just a few weeks ago and a proper regime of care and support is finally being put into place Kelly says that it was one of the best decisions she's made as a parent to visit the Stockingford Early Year's Centre.

Commitment

"I don't really know what I would have done without their personal care and Support. Without their commitment to me and Cayden, I would have probably kept pushing for the tests for ages without success."

Better start in life

"It's thanks to their expert help and knowing who to talk to that finally got Cayden diagnosed. I know that, thanks to their support, he'll have a much better start in life."



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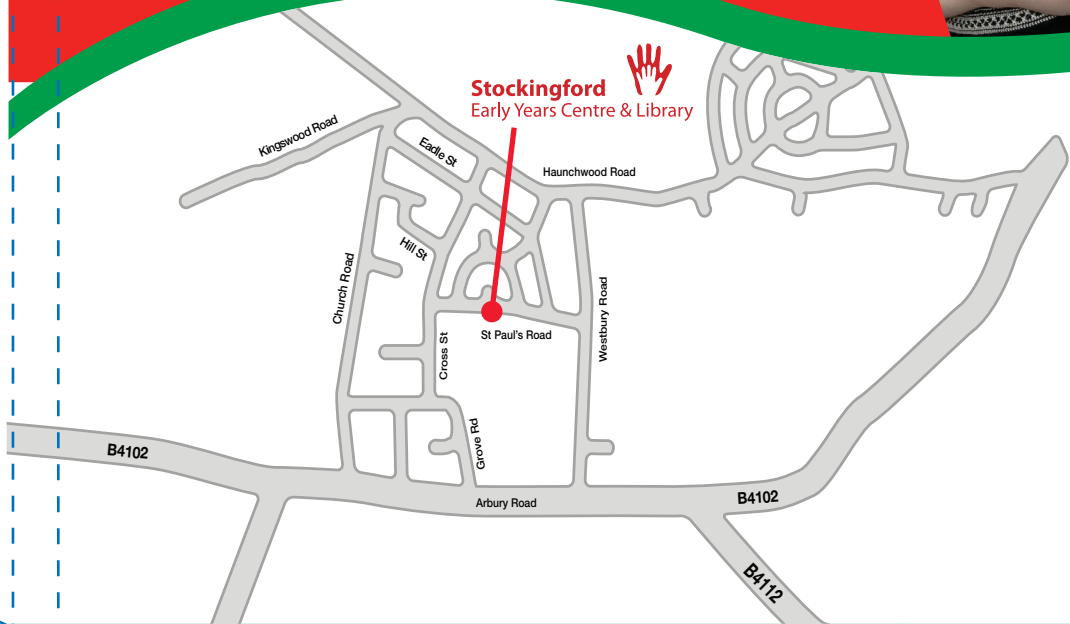


Single mum Sadie Matten, 34, has four children: Lucy, eight, Karie, six and four-year old twins Josie and Martin.

"Stockingford Early Years Centre has been fantastic for me. Without their support, I don't know where I would be now. But most of all I've learned to have confidence in myself and that's good for all the family."



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