



## Press Release: ExxonMobil Fawley helps bring extra bounce to play sessions

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Affordable play sessions for youngsters will have an extra bit of bounce after ExxonMobil Fawley made a £1,500 contribution towards the purchase of a new inflatable.

The "Stay and Play" session was introduced at Gang Warily Recreation Centre, Newlands Road, Fawley, two years ago. It began as a weekly opportunity for youngsters aged between one and five to come along and have a bit of fun. Josh Bond, Centre Manager, said: "We set the price at £2 per child for a two-hour session in the main hall with access to a variety of soft play equipment, games, and a bouncy castle."

He added: "This session proved extremely popular for local families, especially as it provided something for parents to do with children locally when the weather limited outdoor activities, and so we quickly expanded the session to twice a week."

Lots of the initial play equipment was either donated or purchased from local selling sites, which helped to keep the sessions at an affordable rate. However, when the original bouncy castle reached end of life and was no longer fit for use, ExxonMobil Fawley agreed to step in and help, ready for the resumption of Stay and Play following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Josh said: "We are incredibly grateful for this contribution. The bouncy castle is really popular with the youngsters, and it would have been a shame if we had not been able to replace it. It's a great way to let young children have fun and let off some steam."

Angharad Vaughan, Community Affairs Adviser for ExxonMobil Fawley, said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge for everyone and so to see children back enjoying themselves at Gang Warily is wonderful. We were extremely pleased to make this contribution towards a replacement bouncy castle, and we hope the youngsters who attend the Stay and Play sessions have a great time using it in the future."

- The Stay and Play sessions at Gang Warily are held every Monday and Friday between 10am and noon. Children must be supervised at all times.

Pictured: Josh Bond and Angharad Vaughan on the new bouncy castle.