

## BERKSHIRE VISION'S MOBILE SENSORY UNITS

I am writing to remind you that you are more than welcome to bring your child(ren) along to our offices in Erleigh Road to use our deluxe mobile sensory unit and sensory toys - so don't forget we are here during the long school holidays! There is no charge for using our very special sensory corner.

Most parents with a child with special needs, particularly sensory needs, would at some time have accessed a sensory room with their child and shared in the delight that such a place brings.

Being in a sensory room enables the child to explore and focus and learn in an environment that has been adapted for their needs, this is an environment that is making sense to them rather than them having to make sense of the environment.

Imagine being in a place where all the distractions of the outside world are taken away and being presented with a kaleidoscope of sparkly colours and shapes and eye catching moving coloured bubbles and pleasing sounds, where the environment is constantly changing and grabbing your attention and where you feel happy and relaxed, and where everyone can participate to a greater or lesser extent.

Thanks to a grant from Awards for All, Berkshire Vision now owns two deluxe Mobile Sensory Units! We are now able to loan one unit out to members for up to six months at a time for them to use in their own homes. If you would like to borrow a unit, please email or phone me. We also have a unit at our offices in Erleigh Road for families to enjoy in a special Sensory Corner we have created. Please call Richard on 0118 987 2803 to book a session. The Sensory Unit is a beautifully finished and portable piece of equipment (which is slightly larger than a shopping trolley) that comes with all the major sensory room items: mirage projector with inter-changeable "effects" wheel and lenses, a bendy mirror, UV light, mirror ball, tactile panel, projection brolly, projection tent, twinkle LED side panel, UV linelite tubing, LED bubble tube, magnetic UV shapes, i.pod and mini dock music system, fibre optic sideglow, huge tub of sensory toys, UV shaker, UV twister, plasma globe and UV magic rods, a mini soft-play wedge, plus a six-way wireless switch system and two slimline switches to control the station. The unit is programmable, enabling the sensory

items to come on in a timed or sequential manner, or for turn taking or cause and effect type mode and has a remote wireless device for independent play.

