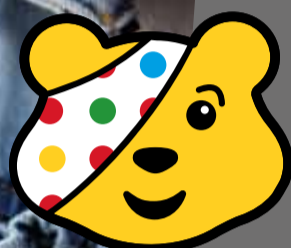


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CHANGE YOUNG LIVES

The pandemic has been hard on us all, but for young people across the UK already facing challenges, it's made life even more difficult. With your support, we can be on the ground helping the children who need us this year more than ever.



BBC Children in Need
Helping children who need us most

We're working across communities to help young people overcome challenges made more difficult by Covid-19.

Children who...

- > have lost a loved one
- > aren't safe
- > are living in poverty
- > are lonely or isolated, **or**
- > have challenges with their mental health

HARRISON'S STORY

Four-year-old Harrison has complex physical and developmental needs. For the past three years Harrison has had weekly conductive education and fortnightly home play sessions at Dame Vera Lynn's Children's Charity, where he can explore a range of different sensory play whilst maintaining the skills he has learnt.

Without regular interaction, Harrison could easily become disengaged and demotivated to explore new things. When lockdown happened, everything stopped for Harrison except the support of Dame Vera Lynn's Children's Charity.

Thanks to the funding from BBC Children in Need, the team were able to adapt and continue supporting Harrison via Zoom and home visits.



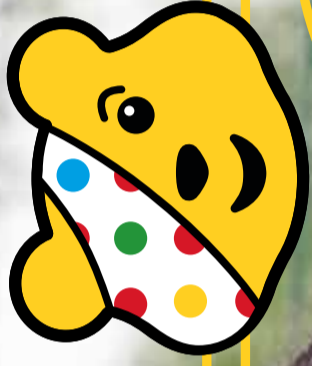
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Harrison and other young
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RAISING £100 CAN

pay for specialist resources, support and equipment that enables a seven-year-old girl on the autism spectrum to understand and better communicate her feelings and reduce her anxiety about connecting with others.



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£50

£50 will pay for a weekly online dance workshop for children affected by poverty isolated at home, keeping them physically active and enabling them to have fun.



SAKINAH'S STORY

Three-year-old Sakinah was born with Epidermolytic Ichthyosis, a rare skin condition meaning her skin cracks and becomes infected. She requires frequent hospital visits and home care. With other children to look after, and the loss of her own mother, Sakinah's mum found herself struggling during lockdown.

Thanks to funding from BBC Children in Need, Home-Start are there to help any family that needs it, supporting children with their play and development and providing advice and resources. Sakinah's condition means she can't play in direct sunlight, so Home-Start provided a gazebo so she can play safely outdoors, plus resources for her siblings to continue their home-schooling.



ERIC'S STORY

Just before the start of the pandemic, 12-month-old Eric and his Mum, Montse, attended a group session at the Craigmillar Books for Babies project in Edinburgh. The charity works with families to support children with early communication and language, literacy and attachment.

BBC Children in Need fund the role of a Development Worker, Michelle, who, during lockdown, visited the family in their garden. Sharing books, rhymes and songs to help develop Eric's communication skills and vocabulary. Montse and Eric now feel part of the community and Eric has the confidence to communicate and understand the world around him.



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