

## **Activity packs gifted to Flying Start families**

During COVID-19 Flying Start has gifted over 1,750 Flying Start families in Carmarthenshire activity packs for their young children to use during lockdown.

Each pack contained a range of age appropriate resources and came in a box which was used specifically, so that families could transform it into a tap tap box as used in the Language and Play sessions delivered by Flying Start. Other activity items included books, animal toys, bubbles, paints and art materials, a ball, song puppets, playdoh making kits, shaker bottle kits, lotto boards, crayons and chalk and various sensory materials designed to help keep children motivated whilst staying at home.

Dyfed Powys Police linked up with the Flying Start Carmarthenshire team to help with distribution using their police vans and drivers. Dyfed Powys Police, Chief Inspector Thomas Sharville said:

*“The Flying Start scheme offers much needed support to young families during this difficult time. Dyfed-Powys Police is delighted to work with Carmarthenshire County Council by supplying drivers and vehicles to deliver Flying Start activity packs to our communities.”*

A guidebook as well as videos demonstrating how to use activities in the packs were distributed and shared on the new mobile app launched by Flying Start Carmarthenshire in April 2020.

Eleri Stephens, of Trimsaran, whose children Harper and Sienna Daniels have benefited from the packs said:

*“The girls have had hours of fun doing activities, and they loved the sticking and gluing, painting and using the playdoh. These packs are a lovely idea and have come at just the right time.”*