

Go Kids Go Testimonials...

"Danielle is 4 years old and has spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Brett and I adopted her a year ago and although she can walk her distances are limited so we requested getting her a wheelchair to learn the skills of independence in a chair early. Our thinking was that it would also allow her to be independent with her peers as she grew older and wanted to be out and about as well as to access to sport .

She attended a 2 day wheelchair course run by the Association of Wheelchair Children with several of her nursery friends in March 2010. The course taught her how to go up and down slopes, cross a road tip her chair and manoeuvre the chair more easily and with greater force. Adults joined in learning the skills in a chair too so we could continue with our children. The environment was fun and games were played too and all children excelled.

I work as physiotherapist with the Great Britain Paralympic team and my husband works with the Canadian wheelchair basketball team. Although we have a fair degree of knowledge in the area of wheelchair skills from the athletes we work with we thought it was important for Danielle to attend a course with her peers to learn the skills.

We certainly plan to continue with Danielle on further courses and would highly recommend them to other people."

Alison Glover

"We have been to a number of courses with the AWC for our 4 year old Ben.

He uses a manual wheelchair and on every course we go to he learns something new that goes towards giving him the same independence as any other 4 year old boy, something which we haven't been able to find anywhere else. We have also been able to ask questions that help us get a wheelchair that properly meets Ben's needs and that he can get the most out of. Any parent, relative or friend of a child in a wheelchair, please take them on as many courses as you can for their benefit and to show you how best to help your child."

Matt Shewbridge

"Go Kids Go! Is a registered charity which teach children who are in wheelchairs - how to use their wheelchairs! Go Kids Go! is an incredibly fantastic and honorable thing to be apart of. I was ten years old when I first discovered what now feels like home to me. Go Kids Go! has changed my life dramatically over the last 4 or 5 years. It has helped me grow so much as a person. It has also shown me that being in a wheelchair shouldn't prevent you from doing anything that you want to do. It has given me the chance to discover what I can achieve without relying on something to do it for you. These people who run these courses are so generous and kind. They also stick to their motto which is "Independence through mobility". That motto has really stuck in my mind too.

Go Kids Go! Changed me as a person. I was the shy, kind of tucked within herself ten year old who didn't have a clue how to self-propel with independence. Then, 4 (or 5) years later they produced a loud, bubbly, outgoing teenager with bags of independence and confidence.

Give Go Kids Go! One chance and they will change your life forever and remain in your hearts forever."

Maisie