



Georgie Elizabeth Barnes

7th October 2014 - 24th November 2017

Georgie - *an incredibly special little girl who we had the absolute pleasure of looking after.*

Georgie had a diagnosis of Dravet's syndrome which included epilepsy and developmental delays but she was a ray of sunshine (as well as being wilful and determined and stroppy as all two-year olds can be!)

Georgie died suddenly and unexpectedly in her sleep – something she was sadly at increased risk from due to her medical condition.

When she joined us at Adventure we couldn't keep her completely safe with all the other children in our main hall so we adapted part of our 'den' room for her to play in with a smaller group of her friends. She loved these interactions and the children adored playing with her too.

Although this helped, it wasn't quite fully inclusive to our Adventure standards. Over the summer we adapted the whole room so that it could be a place for Georgie and other children to play with freedom whilst we met their needs.

Groups of children now use the space regularly and are thriving. It is a fully inclusive space, so as with our whole pre-school, all children are welcome including those with social communication difficulties, language or global developmental delays, or those just needing a bit of extra care and attention.

The 'den' is a space where those children who need a bit more nurture or who get overwhelmed by larger groups or spaces can come and play happily.

Georgie's death hit us hard and always will. Around the room and garden, you will now find lots of things to help us to remember Georgie and the positive impact she had on our lives and on the other children.

*We are dedicating this room to her memory and re-naming it '**Georgie's Den**'. Through this she will continue to influence us as we strive to help all children, whatever their needs.*