



Family life normality restored by mobility stairclimber

The basic pleasures of being able to sleep in his own bed, have a bath and spend family time in the front room are now the 'norm' for Isaac Rimmer, all because of one piece of access equipment.

The equipment is an AAT Sella mobility stairclimber, prescribed through the Occupational Therapy service at Ainsdale Centre for Health & Wellbeing.

Dad Paul says the Sella has made a massive difference to family life: Isaac can have a bath again, sleep in his own bed in the room he shares with his brother, and they have space and freedom to be a family downstairs.

Isaac, 9, was born with Cerebral Palsy and has dystonia. A mistake during brain surgery meant to improve his quality of life made Isaac's condition worse: he became less able and heavier.

Paul and his wife Rachel struggled to carry Isaac up and down the steep stairs in their Victorian home. The only answer for everyone's safety until a solution was found was to move Isaac's hospital bed into the front room.

The family's Occupational Therapist Helen Murphy appreciated the family's desire for Isaac to be able to access upstairs, to be in his own bedroom and be able to bath. So she reached out to AAT to assess Isaac, the family and the home environment to determine whether the Sella mobility stairclimber would be appropriate.

Sella worked! Paul and Rachel found it easy to transport Isaac up, down the stairs and on to their final destination- the bathroom, bedroom, lounge, with no need to lift/transfer Isaac en-route...

Sella is the UK's top-selling mobility stairclimbing wheelchair. Its light weight, high balance point and automatic braking make it easy for Paul and Rachel to use. Sella's in-built seat, arms and lap belt mean Isaac is always safe and comfortable, even if he has a dystonic episode whilst on the stairs.



For the family, it was an added bonus that AAT made the effort to deliver the Sella the week before Christmas.

"It made such a difference to our Christmas celebrations!" says Paul. "Isaac could be with his siblings upstairs and have a stocking at the end of his bed on Christmas morning. We were able to celebrate as a family, with space, in the front room."

Adds Paul: "We know life will never be 'normal', but we want Isaac to do as much as he can. Little things like being able to have a bath, which he loves, and to be with his brother and sister upstairs make all the difference. Now he can do those things again, because we can safely get him up and down stairs with the stairclimber."

"And hopefully, in the summer, we can use it to get him out into the back garden too!"

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