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How one piece of adaptive kit is benefitting the whole family

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A simple bean bag has transformed family life for the Bostock family.

The bean bag in question is an AAT Chilli Bean vacuum posture cushion, prescribed for young Daniel.

Brain injured at birth, Daniel requires round-the-clock care support for his condition: he has Cerebral Palsy and a gastrostomy, his back arches, his legs do not bend but his body exerts strong movement and his muscle pattern changes through the day.

The difficulty in finding a seat that provides the correct postural support and safety without compromising his gastrostomy site has meant until now he has either been in the same seat he has had since birth (now outgrown), or sat erect in his wheelchair.

A new Occupational Therapist to his case knew of the AAT Chilli Bean and suggested it may be the answer to Daniel's daily seating requirements.

The Chilli Bean has now become Daniels' primary seat in the day. The Bostocks and their care team can seat Daniel in the Chilli Bean without any fastenings that could impinge on his gastrostomy site. As his muscle pattern changes during the day, the Chilli Bean can be minutely adjusted to ensure he remains correctly supported and positioned.



"It's an amazing piece of kit. It's the one piece of equipment Daniel has that really added value to his and our lives," comments Daniels' mum Jodie. "It has had such a positive impact on the whole family, it gives us such freedom. We know Daniel is correctly and safely supported without restraint, we can adjust it ourselves as he needs. Because it's basically a lightweight bean bag, we can move it round the house wherever we need, even into the garden. We can even have family movie nights: his brother will sit on the floor next to Daniel."

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