

# Portage Plus

Support for children with social communication difficulties and their families

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## Information for parents

### What is Portage?

Portage is a home teaching service for pre-school children who have significant developmental delay.

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Portage plus is the home teaching service that has been adapted for children whose needs are primarily in the area of social communication.

The Portage plus service can include children who attend an early years setting unless they are receiving 15 hours of early education funding.

## How does Portage Plus work?

After a referral has been received, a trained portage home visitor will visit you at home to meet you and your child and agree next steps.

The service can offer:

- up to six home visits to offer advice and support to help you to develop your child's play and early communication as well as help to manage their behaviour. The Portage input will then be reviewed
- information about other services that may be able to help you
- referrals to other agencies, if appropriate

If your child attends an early years setting the Portage home visitor can liaise with the setting staff and offer support and advice.

## Can we still do other things?

Other activities or services like speech and language therapy or occupational therapy, continue alongside the Portage Service and the Portage home visitor will liaise with any other professionals involved with your child.

We do not offer home visits if you are attending the Early Bird Parent programme.

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