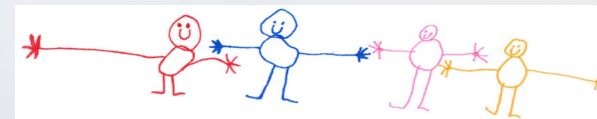


Stay and Play Groups

- For some children, we may suggest working with you to support your child's development within a small group environment. This will be based at First Tower School Nursery and would be in place of a home visit.
- These are 1 hour weekly sessions.
- You will have the opportunity to meet other parents and their children.
- We have a maximum of 4 children in each session.
- There will be a range of different play activities each week to support different areas of your child's development.
- During the session, we will work with your child, modelling activities for you to continue at home over the week and discuss changes to small steps if needed.

Early Years Inclusion Team

Childcare and Early Years Service



Portage

Educational Home Visiting Service

What parents/carers think about our home visiting service?

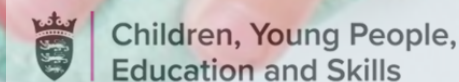
"Our portage home visitor was amazing, a perfect balance of supporting our child and being there for us as parents."

"As a service, I thought it was superb."

"We wouldn't change anything about this lovely service."

"My daughter loved it when our home visitor arrived. As a parent I felt safe and listened to."

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What IS Portage?

Portage is an educational home visiting service funded by the Government of Jersey. Our home service is for families with pre-school aged children (0-4), who have needs and/or differences in at least two areas of development:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Wellbeing
- Physical and Sensory

The Portage Name

The name Portage comes from a town in Wisconsin, USA where the first home learning scheme began. Portage means 'To Carry Along'



How does it work?

Our Portage Home Visitor will visit your home weekly on an agreed day and time. We will work in partnership with you and other professionals to make these early learning sessions positive, fun and enjoyable for everyone. Skills will be broken down into small achievable steps, using appropriate learning activities and resources in response to your child's interests.

Why at Home?

Home is often where you and your child are most comfortable. It offers a familiar environment with lots of opportunities for learning through play.

Generalising skills

Whole child, family and community

Enabling

Inclusion

Celebrating diversity

Looking forward

Practical, immediate, relevant

Portage Principles

Supporting

Being positive

Celebrating success

Small steps

Accessing Portage

Referrals can be made by professionals involved with your child, including:

- Speech and Language Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Family Nursing / Health Visitor
- Nursery / Early Years Setting
- Family Partnership Worker
- Brighter Futures
- Children and Families Hub
- Childminder

