

Reviewing and moving on from the service

Every four months your Early Years Support Officer will review involvement and consider next steps.

Possible outcomes of the review process:

1. Sessions continue for another four months
2. Sessions may discontinue for the following reasons:
 - Regular visits cannot be established
 - You request support to finish
 - Your child is now reaching key developmental milestones
 - Your child is attending nursery for more than 15 hours a week (this is considered on an individual basis)

Contacts

Visit www.gov.je for more information or contact us at:

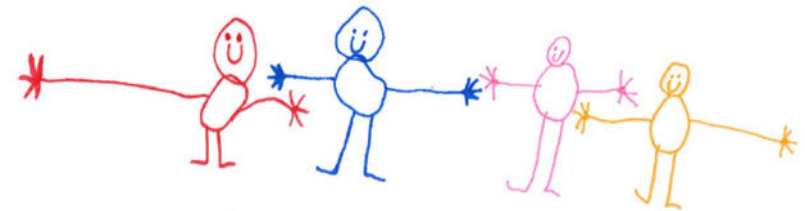
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Home based support for you and your child

Using the principles of Portage, Our **Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support officers** (EYSO) can support your child's development and you in working with your child through home learning sessions and stay and play groups.

Portage home support is specifically for children who have a delay and need support in at least two developmental areas:

- ◆ Communication and Interaction
- ◆ Cognition and Learning
- ◆ Social, emotional and wellbeing

Delays in some of these areas may impact on a child's behaviour within the home, which can also be supported.

Portage home support is mostly appropriate to children above 1.5/2 years old, however is considered on an individual basis.

Portage home sessions are structured and involve use of different strategies and resources to engage your child and help your child develop through play activities.

Home sessions are agreed in advance and may be on a weekly or two-weekly basis. An initial visit will take place to understand your child's needs and complete an early assessment in order to plan together what your child may need based on interests, skills and what is important to you as a family.

Each session will be planned around these aims and activities will be left for you to practice with your child before the next session. These are play based and fun and will be modelled to you so you feel confident in practicing them.

Our commitment to you

We will:

- Visit on the agreed day and time
- Notify you if we are going to be late
- Use equipment that is safe and regularly maintained
- Provide activities and targets to work on and review these in a timely manner
- Work with you to identify what is important to you in supporting your child
- Contribute to multiagency meetings for your child when possible
- Contribute to your child's transition into a preschool setting
- Discuss your child's needs confidentially with service manager
- Discuss and share any safeguarding concerns

Your commitment to us

We would ask that you:

- Are available for home sessions at the agreed date and time
- Give as much warning as possible if a session needs to be changed or cancelled
- Participate in the home learning sessions and carry out suggested activities at home in between sessions
- Engage with your EYSO to plan activities
- Look after resources provided and use them as modelled
- Inform us in advance if your child is unwell with an infectious illness
- Share and discuss any safeguarding concerns