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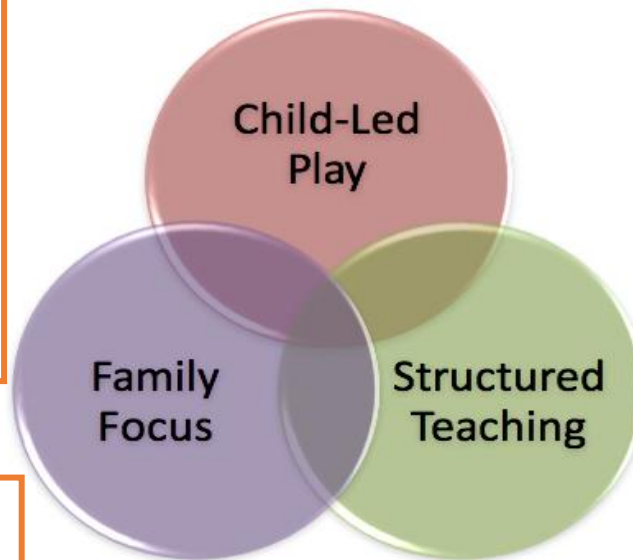


Doncaster Portage Service

Portage is a home-visiting educational service for pre-school children with Special, Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) and their families.



Home visits are completed on a fortnightly basis for approximately one hour with the child, the Portage home visitor and the parents/carers. Together we will work in collaboration to promote the child's learning and development.



Portage provides structured teaching, with both planned and play based activities; these are based on everyday situations that families and children can practise together to achieve steps of progression, recognising the next stage of their development.

Portage work with families to help them develop a quality of life and experience for themselves and their young children in which they can learn and play together, participate and be included in their community.

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An SEN Support Plan will be initiated, this involves review meetings to fulfil the 'Assess Plan Do Review' cycle of support (involving all professionals known to the child) which may lead to a possible request for an Education Health and Care Plan.



Portage will support parents/carers in developing their own knowledge regarding child development and up to date Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) information.

Portage takes place in the home (which is the child's familiar natural environment) providing a holistic approach with the people who know them best, promoting positive outcomes.



Portage Opportunity Group (POG)

The aim of the Portage Opportunity Group is for children, parents and carers to meet in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in which they are able to play and learn together.



The core offer is to provide a wide variety of appropriate play based, planned activities to support your child's learning and development. It also offers the opportunity to meet other children known to Portage who have a similar learning profile, as well as their families.



POG operates at Seedlings Nursery on a monthly basis: Fridays 10am until 11:30

Dates will be confirmed at the start of each academic year and will be given to individual families by their Portage home visitor.



POG (Portage Opportunity Group) is managed by the Portage home visitors and is only accessible to children and parents/carers receiving active Portage home visits



Facebook

- **Doncaster Early Years Portage Service now have a Facebook page**
- **This is a closed/private group you can only join if your child is receiving active Portage home visits (please note, when Portage involvement ceases, you will be removed from our Facebook parents group)**
- **The Facebook group is a fantastic way for you to positively share your child's achievements and for other members to see them**
- **We also share ideas and up to date information with you but don't worry, if you do not join, we will still share information with you on your Portage home visits**
- **The group also allows parents and carers to get to know each other and to share each other's' journeys**

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