

“ Portage has shown us new ways to help my child learn. ”



How to access the Portage Team

Portage can be requested by parents, carers or professionals.

You can ask about Portage by contacting the Early Help Hub:

e: earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk

t: **01872 322277**

More information

To find out more about Portage please visit:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/portage

To find out more about other services please visit the Local Offer on:

www.supportincornwall.org.uk

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Together 
for Families

The Portage Service in Cornwall

A home visiting educational service for young children with additional needs and disabilities and their families



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What is Portage?

Portage is a home visiting service for **children aged 6 months to 3 years with complex needs** and their families. Portage supports families to learn together and play together.



Your Portage Worker will:

- Work in partnership with you to learn about your child's strengths.
- Support the development of your child's play, communication and relationships by making learning fun.
- Inform you about groups and services you may use.

“ With Portage we could recognise steps of progress, however tiny.”

How Portage works

Families are visited at home by their Portage Worker. Portage helps families to recognise their child's progress and celebrate their success.

Portage uses a planned, structured teaching programme. Together the family and Portage Worker encourage a child's development, making it fun for everyone.

Portage aims to work flexibly with your child and family's needs.

Portage works closely with a range of other professionals and agencies, for example, community paediatricians, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and Early Years practitioners. This helps provide coordinated support for your family.

“ The Portage work with my daughter has really impacted her learning, she is more communicative, using makaton signs and her fine motor skills have really improved too.”

“ Portage have really been brilliant in helping to co-ordinate other professionals visits to help have a team approach to our daughter's needs.”

“ Portage has provided me with support as a parent; an invaluable source of understanding and an openness to discuss concerns and fears, which has been no less than vital for me at various times through the years.”