

We Can Provide Support By:

- Offering help and support regarding Inclusion in Early Years covering children with Special Educational Needs, gifted and able children, English as an Additional Language, Looked after children, Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Heritage, Black Minority Ethnic Heritage.
- Offering training to early years childcare settings.
- Monitoring support by encouraging childcare settings to follow the SEN Code of Practice and EYFS.
- Attend Team around the Child meetings.



Contact Us

We run an Inclusion Helpline every Friday 9.00—3.30pm during term time.

01305 225646

This helpline is primarily set up to support settings in gaining the advice needed to fully support your child. We would request that you speak to your child carer provider first to seek support.

If our service is already involved in supporting your child you may wish to call us direct on the helpline number above for enquiries Monday to Thursday.

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Early Years Team Inclusion Development



**Information for
Parents and Carers**



Early Years

Inclusion Development

We provide support to Early Years settings such as pre schools, nurseries, childminders. covering children with Special Educational Needs, gifted and able children, English as an Additional Language, Looked after children, Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Heritage, Black Minority Ethnic Heritage.

We do this by offering advice and support to the setting SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) to ensure that your child 's specific requirements are met..

We provide advice and staff training and liaise with other professionals who may be involved in your child's care.

Please note: It is not our job to assess or provide a diagnosis for your child.

Support to Parents

We provide support to parents through explaining how your child is being supported and offering ideas to enhance the support provided within their childcare setting.

If we are working with your child we will ask to meet with you and communicate fully as to the strategies suggested to support you child within the setting.

We believe strongly that parents need to be an active part of the support for the child and will help the setting to write Education Plans and communicate effectively with yourselves.

Support with Transition

In times of transition for your child such as moving to school, we can work with you and your child carer to enable specific information is passed on to ensure a smooth transition.

Liaison With Other Professionals

We liaise with a range of services to ensure that the childcare provider is able to meet your child' s needs.

These include :

- Parent Partnership
- Children Centres
- Portage Service
- Therapists (Speech and Language, Physio, Occupational)
- Hearing and Vision Support Service
- Educational Psychologists
- SEN Team
- Community Paediatricians
- Health Visitors
- Virtual School for Children in Care
- Early Support

