

Portage Service

Early Years

Eresby School provides Portage with a qualified trainer for families in The East Lindsey District. Portage is a home visiting educational service for pre-school children with additional needs. These may be learning difficulties, developmental delay or physical difficulties. The Portage Professional aims to help families by working with them in the home, helping them to meet the needs of their child.

The Portage Home Visitor works with parents in their home because young children initially learn best in the security of their own environment, with the people who know them. In this way the best teaching programmes can be developed for every child.

There are eight Portage Teams in Lincolnshire, each comprising of a Portage Team Coordinator and Portage Home Visitors. The Portage Home Visitors may come from different professional backgrounds such as Health, Social Services or Education. They and the Portage Coordinator are all trained to National Portage Association standards. The Lincolnshire Portage Teams are affiliated to the National Portage Association.

The Portage Home Visitor regularly meets with other professionals working with pre-school children to share ideas and review progress. These people may include Physiotherapists, Speech & Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Educational Psychologists. General discussions take place but direct referrals to these services only occur with parental permission.

The Eresby School service offers a weekly pool fun session and monthly school based group for parents and children receiving Portage to get together to play, chat and share ideas.

HOW DO YOU REFER?

Children can be referred from birth by Parents/Carers or any agency involved with the child such as Health Visitors, GP's, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Paediatricians, Educational Psychologists, Nurseries etc.

If you require any further information regarding

Portage, please contact:

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