

Worcestershire Portage Service

What is Portage?

Portage is a home-visiting educational service for pre-school children with special needs and their families.

How does it work?

Your Home Visitor will work with you and your child to set targets that enable you to encourage the development of their learning, social, self help, motor, language and communication skills. You can practice these skills with your child between home visits.



The targets are organised in a way that fits in with everyday family life, through fun play activities that are enjoyed by all the family. Your Portage Home Visitor can also support you in accessing local community services (e.g. baby and toddler groups).

Who will be visiting me?

The Worcestershire Portage Team has a wide range of experience supporting children and their families. Each Home Visitor is trained and qualified through the National Portage Association.

What are the Portage Principles?

- We recognise that the parent or carer is the main lead in their child's life. We listen to your views and priorities, focusing on what your child can do and build on these emerging skills whilst encouraging new ones. Every achievement is celebrated no matter how small.
- Weekly written records are provided, resulting in a folder of your child's progress.
- Your Home Visitor will liaise with all the professionals working with your child, ensuring a coordinated package of support.

Please contact us to find out if you qualify for help from the Portage Service.

You can contact us in the following ways:

By telephone:

Redditch and Bromsgrove area	01527 598071
South Worcestershire area	01905 681868
Wyre Forest area	01562 757671
Head office	01905 790558

By fax:

01905 790551

By post:

Worcestershire Portage Service,
Early Years and Childcare Service,
3 De Salis Court, De Salis Drive,
Hampton Lovett, Droitwich,
Worcestershire, WR9 0QE.

By email:

eycsinclusion@worcestershire.gov.uk

Online:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/eycs



National Portage Association
Partners with Parents and Children

Worcestershire County Council
provides a Portage Service
registered with the National
Portage Association.

Other useful numbers:

Worcestershire County Council's Family Information Service

A free and impartial information service for families with children aged 0 to 19 years.

Telephone 01905 790560, email familyinfo@worcestershire.gov.uk or visit

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyinfo

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