



Special Educational Needs in the Early Years

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How will my child's Special Educational Needs (SEN) be met?

In Stockport, all young children with Special Educational Needs are placed in inclusive educational settings.

This may be in a mainstream nursery (Local Authority or private) with additional support or within one of our resourced nurseries.

You will always be fully involved about the placement for your child. The Parent Partnership Service can support you in this.

Who will write reports on my child?

To help decide if your child needs extra support, your child will be assessed by a Paediatrician and an Education Psychologist. Therapy Services, the Portage Service and the ESSI may also know your child well and will be able to provide further information.

How will support be agreed?

With your permission, information about your child including your views will be sent via the Psychology Service to Stockport's SEN Panel. This is a group of professionals who meet regularly to consider requests for additional support. The levels of support required to meet your child's needs will be agreed by this Panel.

During your child's time at nursery your child's special educational needs will continue to be assessed. This further assessment will help clarify what levels of support your child will need when they go to school and whether a statutory assessment is going to be needed.

Assessment in the Early Years is an on-going process, we are very aware that little children will frequently not 'conform' in a one-off assessment and also young children's rates of development vary tremendously. Once again it must be emphasized that **you** are the expert and an invaluable source of information on your child.

People who can help in the Early Years

CYPD Psychology Service: 0161 474 3870

Provides consultation, assessment and psychological advice to help plan for your child's progress and future education.

Portage Service: 0161 406 6506

A specialist pre-school educational and support service to work in partnership with you to enhance your child's development.

Child Development Team: 0161 419 2039

Provides multi-disciplinary assessment and support for children under the age of 5 with complex development problems.

ESSI The Educational Service for the Sensory Impaired: 0161 474 3906

A free interpreting service is available if you need help with this leaflet.

Contact: Ethnic Diversity Service: 0161 477 9000



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