Early Education Options for Pre-school Children with SEND / Application Process for EYESP places

Options for Early Education:

Local Authority
Mainstream EY Setting /
Private or Voluntary EY
Provider - available for any
child with SEND

Parents apply via setting's normal admissions process.
Additional support via EYIF/DAF funding (setting applies)

Early Years Enhanced Specialist Place (EYESP) Only available if child has severe or profound difficulties in one or more area of need.

Referrals can be made by Portage, Specialist Teachers or Access & Inclusion Officers: Submit EYESP referral form to SEND Team.

EYESP settings can also request places: Submit EYESP referral to SCIL for ioint moderation Portage - Early Education
Support at home or in
groups - available for any
child with SEND

Parents can self refer or referral by other professional - Bradford Local Offer | Portage Service

Special School Nursery Only available if child has
severe or profound and
multiple learning difficulties
and an Education Health
and Care Plan.

Please see: Bradford Local Offer | An Education Health and Care Assessments and Plans (EHCP)

Requesting an EYESP Specialist Place

1. At Home with no active involvement from Local Authority

Contact GP and request paediatrician appointment for Education Advice 1 (EA1)

Fither

Complete referal for external agency involvement (Portage / SCIL / Access and Inclusion)

Or

Parental request for EHCA

Specialist settings consulted in line with parental preference, as part of EHCP process

2. Portage or other Local Authority Agency actively Involved

Local Autority representative completes EYESP referral form and submits to SEN

Statutory panel consider application

If agreed, EYESP Setting consulted

Place allocated and EHCA process initiated within 12 weeks or as part of annual processing.

3. Attending Mainstream Setting

Either: Mainstream setting follows graduated approach and requests EYI Funding or EHCA if appropriate.

Specialist settings consulted in line with parental preference, as part of EHCP process.

Or: Mainstream part of EYESP setting completes EYESP Placement request form and submits to SCIL Team for joint moderation.

If agreed, follow route 2 for EYESP place.