

## How to make a referral

Portage has an open referral system. If you would like to make a referral about a pre-school child who has additional needs, please phone the number below.

When a referral is received the Portage Coordinator will make an initial home visit to discuss the Portage service with families.

## Portage DVD

A DVD about Portage in Bradford is available on request. Alternatively you can view the DVD on Bradford Schools Online (BSO).

## Useful contacts/Links



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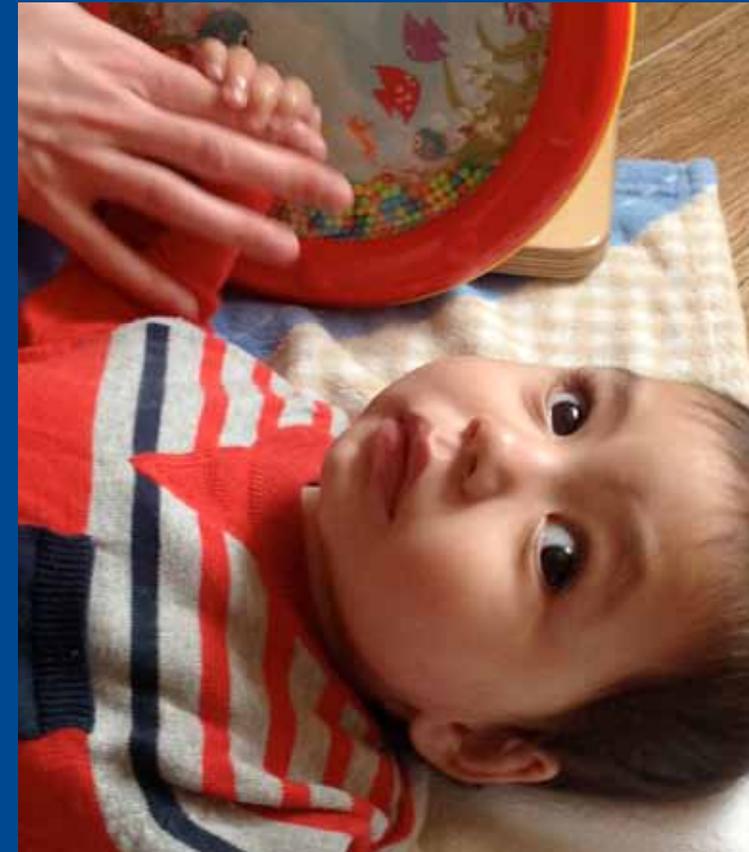
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**National Portage Association**

Partners with Parents and Children

A Portage Service registered with the National Portage Association

The wording in this publication can be made available in other formats such as large print and Braille. Please call 01274 431212

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

**City of Bradford MDC**

[www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

## The Portage Home Visit

Portage Home Visitors work in partnership with parents as they are the key figures in the care and development of their child.

Portage provides home visits to support families in making play and learning fun for all the family.

The emphasis is on the positive, finding out what the child 'can do' and observing for emerging skills.

The Portage Early Education Programme adapts flexibly to the individual needs of the child and family.

Families who receive Portage value the close contact with their Portage Home Visitor, the joint planning and sharing of success.

## Bradford Portage Service

The Bradford Portage Service is Registered with the National Portage Association (NPA).

Portage Home Visitors have a wide experience of working with families and children with additional support needs.

Everyone involved with Portage is specially trained in the Portage Early Education Programme.

Bradford has two NPA accredited Portage trainers who deliver the Portage Workshop "A Small Steps Approach to learning for children with SEND" to early years practitioners from settings, schools, Children's Centres and to parents.

The Team attend regular supervision meetings with the Portage Coordinator. Within the team we have English, Urdu, Punjabi and Pushtu speaking Home Visitors.

## Portage Small Steps Groups

### Portage Family Support Group

This group offers an opportunity for families who have children with additional support needs to meet and chat in a relaxed environment whilst children can play and visit the sensory room.

### Portage Education Groups

Portage Education Groups are offered in Children's Centres across Bradford as an alternative to home visiting and follow the same Portage education programme as in the home, focusing on joint planning and sharing success.

### Portage groups for children with social & communication difficulties

These groups are held in Children's Centres across Bradford in partnership with AWARE and BAS.

All groups are supported by experienced Portage Home Visitors.



For further information please contact:

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