

Leos Club



Leo's Club offers

Learning, Education, Opportunity and Supporting
Children, Learning and Understanding Basics

The Early Years Inclusion Team hold a 'Stay and Play' session which is informal, fun and offers children, siblings and parents access to a wide variety of play activities and networking support.

The sessions provide families with an opportunity to meet on a regular basis and share experiences.

Our Session is held on Wednesday: 9.30 -11.30 am at the Side by Side Children's Centre (address below)

Side by Side Children's Centre
Enderby Road
Scunthorpe
DN17 2JL

Tel: (01724) 296679

**North
Lincolnshire
Council**

Education Inclusion
Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Guide to

**Early Years Inclusion
Team (Portage)**

Professionals Information



The Early Years Inclusion Team (Portage) forms part of the Emotional Health and Wellbeing division of the Learning, Skills and Culture Directorate.

We work with children who have an identified disability or developmental delay which impacts on 2 or more areas of development where identified needs are not being met by another service.

We work towards the Portage model of learning in the following way:

- We provide regular home visiting; weekly, fortnightly or monthly home visits working in partnership with parents.
- We find out what the child can do across all areas of development using the Portage or GEMs checklist tool. We assess the following areas of development: Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and language, Physical: Self Help Skills, Physical: Fine/Gross motor, Cognitive Development.
- We support the development of play, communication, relationships, and learning for children; providing advice/guidance and activity ideas to encourage development and learning.
- We decide with the parent/carer on some long term targets and break these down into small step activities to identify learning outcomes and strategies.
- We show the parent/carer how to teach the activities
- We work closely with other professionals helping the child or family, attend relevant meetings and arrange joint visits where appropriate.
- We organize stay and play sessions for children and families so that they can share experiences and gain support.
- Support the family's participation and inclusion in the community in their own right; providing advice and support to access Children's Centre's, Childcare and School (if required).
- Help parents to identify what is important to them and their child.
- Visit children in childcare settings to role model inclusive practice supporting individual learning outcomes.

Who's who?

The Team consists of:

Principal Educational Psychologist and Lead Officer:
Dr Ruth Illman,

Early Years Practitioners:
Lisa Whitby Vicki Peters and Sophie Rubie.



How can a child be referred?

- Anyone can refer a child to the team, for example, parents, health visitors, therapists, early years settings (pre-schools, childminder's and nurseries), Doctors or Consultants, Social Workers.
- Complete the Emotional Health and Well Being's Early Years referral form and send with a copy of a recent assessment (Child Protection/Child in Need plan/Early Help assessment) to the address overleaf or via e-mail NLPortage@northlincs.gov.uk

(If you are unsure whether a child should receive support from the Portage Team please contact the team directly to discuss).