

The Hampshire Portage Agreement

Hampshire Portage is a partnership between parents/carers, a Portage Inclusion Practitioner (PIP) and the early years setting a child attends. The partnership requires a joint commitment for the child to benefit.

The Portage Inclusion Practitioner (PIP) will:

- Visit you or your child's setting on a regular basis (subject to illness, training, or any other unavoidable circumstances).
- Assess your child's development with you and suggest activities and strategies to help you teach your child appropriate new skills. This may involve leaving you charts to complete.
- Monitor your child's progress and share reports and relevant information with you and professionals involved with your child.
- Loan toys and equipment suited to your child's needs. Toys and resources are regularly checked to ensure they are safe and hygienic and are for use by the Hampshire Portage child only.
- Work in partnership, with other agencies such as health and children's services.
- Maintain confidentiality.

The parent/carer will:

- Agree to Portage home or setting visits on a regular basis (subject to illness or any other unavoidable circumstances).
- Agree to participate in the whole session when the PIP is working with you and your child in your home. (Hampshire Portage Team members cannot be left in sole charge of your child).
- Help to plan appropriate short-term targets and longer-term goals and practise these activities/strategies and record responses, as appropriate.
- Take responsibility for the toys and resources left in their care and take reasonable steps to return them in good order and condition. If you should have concerns over the safety or hygiene of a toy you have loaned, please remove from the whole family, and contact your PIP.
- Reduce distractions for the child to gain the most from your Portage visit. This could include turning off the TV and Radio/music. Remove IPADs and Mobile phones from your child and reduce other adults and children present where possible.
- To notify the PIP (Portage Inclusion Practitioner) of any cancellations due to illness, or unforeseen circumstances, as soon as possible. (Public Health Guidance on link below).

The early years setting will:

- Agree to regular visits to the setting to work with the PIP on targets introduced at home with the parents.
- Agree to the key person being available for most of the visit to work in partnership with the child and PIP.
- Ensure whole team are aware of and are all using the agreed strategies in the setting, for consistency for the child.

- Take responsibility for the toys and resources left in their care and take reasonable steps to return them in good order and condition. If you should have concerns over the safety or hygiene of a toy you have loaned, please remove from activities with the child and contact the PIP. The resources will only be for the child receiving Portage and any children invited to join the child in their work I.e., turn taking activities with another child or in small group work.
- Plan and prepare for the next visit with the PIP.
- Share progress made ensuring the parents are fully always informed.
- Be able to clarify how additional funding like DAF, EYPP and SEN IF is being used to support the child, when appropriate.
- Let us know if the child is absent, or unwell before the PIP sets off to work at your setting.

All parties must follow the guidelines on the link below from the UK Health Agency. This guidance refers to 'public health exclusions' and indicates the time a child should not attend a setting or receive Portage Home Visits etc., to reduce the risk of transmission during the infectious stage.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources#exclusion-table>

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Cholera	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all lesions have healed over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scarlet	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Head, face and mouth	Granular fever
Head lice	Scabies
Throatswellings	Strep throat

We appreciate your co-operation, should you be in any doubt please consult your GP.