



Your aspirations, our priority



## FOCUS GROUP 7 SEND and Early Support

### Let's share ... ..

The Thurrock Early Support and Portage Service Thurrock Portage is an education service accredited by the National Portage Association to support pre-school children aged 0-5 years with a range of special educational needs and disabilities. There are four parts to the service:

- Portage home visiting with three key elements: family focus to hear about and address family priorities, child-led play to identify and develop children's strengths and interests, and structured teaching to support children's development using a small steps approach to learning.
- Portage outreach support to pre-school and nursery settings to help them to develop their practice and meet children's additional needs.
- Early Support meetings to coordinate support from education, health, and case services, with a focus upon family's hopes and aspirations for their child and the outcomes they wish to achieve.
- Portage Playgroup for children with additional needs aged 0-5 years

We would welcome your insight into the Early Support and Portage Service in Thurrock as we continue to develop our offer.

### Let's discuss ... ..

The purpose of this focus group is to:

- Provide an opportunity for you to share experiences of early years education services in the, for example Portage home visiting, early support, and support in a nursery or pre-school setting
- Answer any questions you may have

### Let's talk ... ..

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Time:** 10-11am

**Place:** Microsoft Teams

**To book your place, contact us:**

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