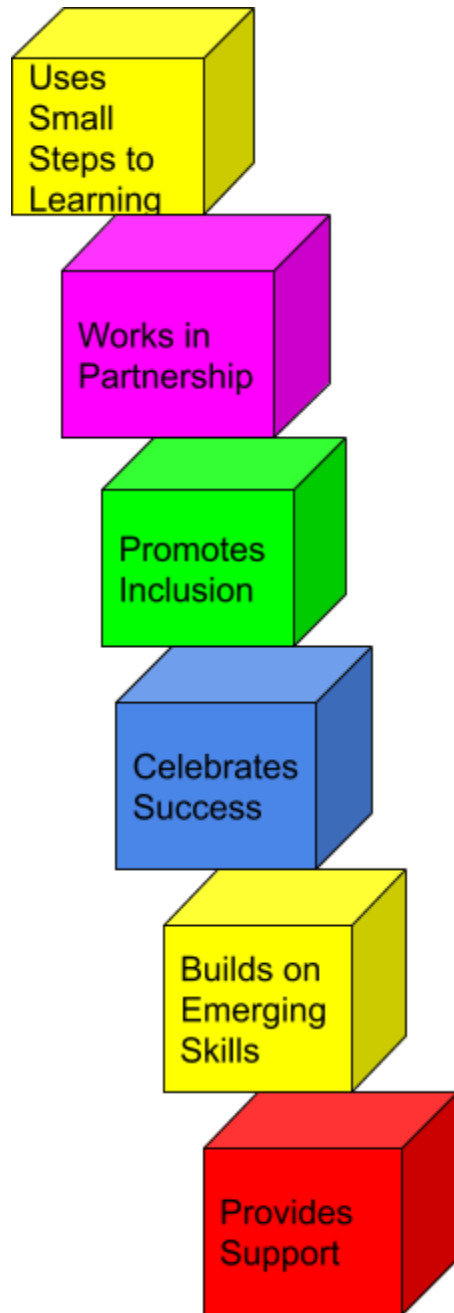


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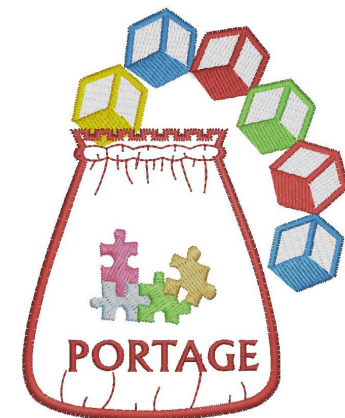


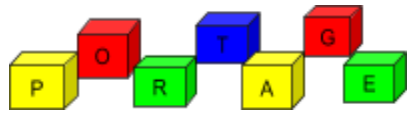
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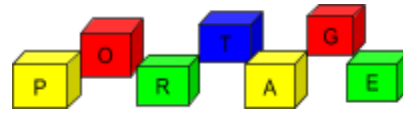
What is Portage?

Portage is a home teaching service for preschool children with SEND. It enables parents and carers to support their child's learning.



The Northumberland Portage Team has a wide range of experience supporting children and their families.

The service is registered with the National Portage Association. Each Home Visitor is trained and qualified to carry out 'Portage' and deliver training to parents/carers and professionals.



How Portage Works

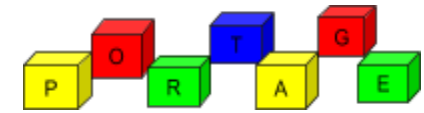
A Portage Home Visitor will visit the family home as agreed on a fortnightly/monthly/or weekly short term basis. Together parents, carers and Home Visitors will plan activities to encourage and promote their child's learning and skills.

If there are other services already working with your child then your Portage Home Visitor will:

- Arrange joint home visits
- Plan targets which can be combined with those of other professionals
- Keep them up to date with what your child is doing and working towards



["Portage really gave me the confidence and the knowledge to draw out the very best from my child" \[Quote from Parent\]](#)



What Happens During a Home Visit?

- The family and the Home Visitor agree a time for fortnightly/monthly visits or weekly short term assessment
- Following an initial assessment long term goals are agreed with parents/carers
- Teaching activities based around play are planned and demonstrated by the Home Visitor and carried out between visits by parents/carers
- Long term goals are regularly reviewed and celebrated



The Portage Home Visitor shares information and supports the child's transition into a preschool setting / school