

Early Years SEN Advisory Team

Information Leaflet



Vision Statement:

“All working together to enhance the lives of children with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.”

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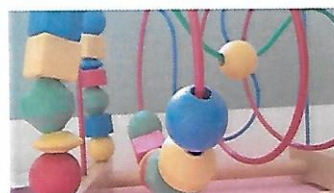
The Early Years SEN Advisory Team provides an early intervention service for children with a wide range of special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) and their families, who are resident in Bromley or attend an Early Years Provision in Bromley.

The service promotes inclusion and works directly with children, families and practitioners in mainstream early years settings, in liaison with other professionals from education, health, social care and the voluntary sector. The purpose of our work is to ensure all young children with SEND reach their potential.

- We empower parents and carers to understand and meet their own child's needs.
- We support others who work with the child to identify and implement strategies that will support the child to make progress.
- We focus on the child's strengths and building on their existing skills.

Our service delivery is provided through a "hub and spoke" approach. The hub is located at the Phoenix Children's Resource Centre in central Bromley and all staff are based there. Locality Teams, the spokes, are made up of Specialist Teachers, Portage Home Visitors and Early Years Inclusion Practitioners. These teams work in six locality areas aligned to the Children and Family Centre Outreach areas.

We work in homes and early years settings and Reception classes in schools. We also offer a range of focused parent/child support groups.



We work in partnership with parents, early years settings and colleagues in health, care and the voluntary sector to identify, assess and meet needs, and improve outcomes for young children with SEND. Where appropriate we support the development of SEN Support Plans or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans.

The service operates an open referral system (all referrals must have parental agreement) and referral forms can be accessed at:

www.bromley.gov.uk

and search for: Early Years targeted and specialist services

All Early Years settings, children and families we work with are allocated an education keyworker, who is the central point of contact with this service. If appropriate, families may be offered multi-agency meetings, joint assessment and planning and/or a period of intensive keyworking.



When children are due to transition to school, the education keyworker will work with parents or the Early Years setting to consider all appropriate options for schooling.

A transition meeting at the receiving school will be offered, so that parents and the school can plan for a positive transition and ensure the child's full inclusion within the reception class. For a very few children support from our service in the first few weeks at school may be offered to provide some continuity of support.

In order to deliver an effective service, Early Years SEN Advisory Team adheres to the London Borough of Bromley's policies and procedures.

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