

Early Years Support for children with Special Educational Needs: Parent / Carer guide

The Graduated Approach 0-5 years

All Nottinghamshire children in Early Years settings (0-5 years) can expect:

- Regular communication with parents.
- Planned individual learning.
- Regular assessment of the environment.
- Individual progress to be recorded.
- A curriculum that is matched to the individual child.

For more information about services offered across Nottinghamshire visit the **Nottinghamshire Local Offer:**
nottshelpyourself.org.uk

If your child requires additional support, your child's Early Years setting will use the Graduated Approach to meet their needs. Your child does not require a diagnosis to receive this support.



This is the **Graduated Approach**:

Assess needs
Plan what to do
Do the plan
Review how it's gone

The assess, plan, do, review process is a continual cycle.

Speak to your Early Years setting for more information. If your child is not in an Early Years setting or is being educated at home, contact Nottinghamshire's Healthy Families Team.

 <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/healthy-family-teams/>



Call: 0300 123 5436



Text: 07520 619919

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Early Years Services (0-5 years)

Services offered in Nottinghamshire

Area Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Area SENCos work with all Early Years settings in Nottinghamshire and support them to meet the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Ask Us Nottinghamshire

Free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support for disabled children and young people, and those with Special Educational Needs from birth to 25, and their parents/carers. Click for more information. 

Children's Centre Services

A range of services for families with children aged 0-5 years old. Click to find out more. 

General Development Assessment (Bassetlaw only)

Your Early Years setting will lead on submitting a request for assessment. If your child is not in an Early Years setting or is being educated at home, the Healthy Families practitioner will lead on this. Click for more information. 

Health for kids

An NHS website for young children and parents. Click for more information. 

Health for Under 5s

This website provides extra details and resources to help with the health and well-being of children in your care. For more information click here. 

Home Talk

For children 22 months - 2 years 6 months who are using a few words but can listen, follow instructions and play with adults. Click to find out more. 

Family Service Neurodevelopmental Support Team

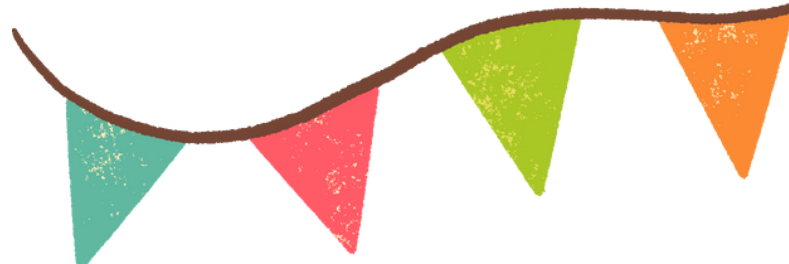
Early support to families where your child presents with behaviours associated with Autism Spectrum Condition or Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder. For more information click here. 

Schools & Families Specialist Service

Early Years specialists who can support you and your child's Early Years setting. Click for more information. 

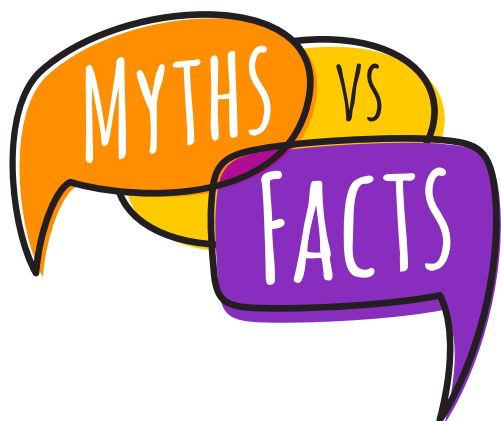
Speech & Language Therapy

For more information or to make a referral click here. 



Myth busting about Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans

Myth Vs Facts



If my child has an EHC Plan, they are guaranteed a special school place.

An EHC Plan does not guarantee a placement in a special school. The majority of Nottinghamshire's children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities have their needs met within local mainstream early years settings, schools or colleges. Across Nottinghamshire, there are children with EHC Plans attending both mainstream and special schools / settings.

My child needs an Education, Health & Care Plan to get the right support.

In the Early Years in Nottinghamshire, all children have the same access to services and funding with or without an Education, Health & Care (EHC) Plan.

My child needs a diagnosis to get the right support.

Although a diagnosis might be reassuring, in Nottinghamshire, children are given access to services and funding in response to their needs so a diagnosis is not necessary.

