

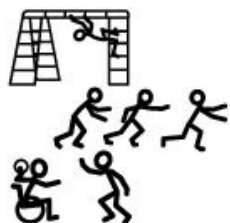
Early years support for children under 5



This easy read document tells you about early years support. This information is for people with a child under 5 years old.



If you need help to understand this information please show it to someone who supports you. This could be family, friends or professionals.



These services support very young children to have an opportunity to play and interact with other children.

You can get help if you need support for your child's health and development.



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The help includes includes:

- Contacting your doctor
- Contacting the healthy family team
- Learning more from the 0 to 4 years: Best Start in Life offer
- Early support services

You can [contact the Early Help Unit](#) who will support you to access early help services

The [Nottinghamshire Help Yourself website](#) [has more information](#) about Early Years education and childcare including:

- Finding childcare
- Choosing a school
- Support for special education needs



If your child has special needs and this was picked up at an early age, you may be thinking about them going into pre-school education.



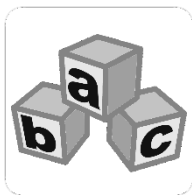
For some children their special needs might not be picked up until they start going to a playgroup or nursey.

This might be when they start having difficulties.



All services should welcome young children with special needs

These services include:



- Nurseries



- Playgroups



- Family Hubs



- Childcare Providers

Some services aim to offer more and will discuss your child's needs with you.

The SEND Local Offer



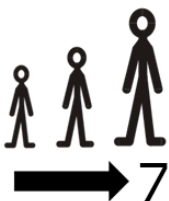
The SEND Local Offer is a [website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities](#).



The website can help you find information about services and can signpost you to people who can help.



On the SEND Local Offer website we have asked providers to say what kind of support they can offer.



Up to the age of 7 the [SEND Inclusion Service](#) will support:



- Children with complex special educational needs



- Children with disabilities



- Families

How do I access this service?



Parents can make a referral themselves or a professional can complete a form called a Request for Involvement Form.



Someone will visit you and your child at home. They will ask you questions about your child.



What you say and talk about with the person who visits will also be discussed at something called a weekly Allocations Panel.



The panel will look at your child's needs and decide if you are able to get support from this service.



This support can be short term or long term depending on your child's needs.

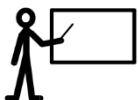


Early Years support can be offered up to the age 7 if needed



Support can include providing:

- home teaching
- advice and support to parents
- advice and training for staff in schools and early years setting



You can find further support on the [SEND Local Offer – Special educational needs \(SEN\) support](#) website.

Customer Service Centre



Our Customer Service Centre can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



Web: [Use our online contact form](#)



Telephone: 0300 500 80 80



Text Relay: 18001 0115 977 4050

People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



Sign Video

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use [the SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.

Links in this document

Notts Help Yourself – Early Help Unit

nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/service.page?id=c8jgjR4VJI4&=

Notts Help Yourself – early years education and childcare

www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/childcare_early_learning.page?newdirectorychannel=2

SEND Local Offer

nottinghamshire.familyservicedirectory.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/localoffer.page?newdirectorychannel=9

SEND Inclusion Service

nottinghamshire.familyservicedirectory.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/service.page?id=qF4E6w3nKvg&directorychannel=0

SEND Local Offer – Special educational needs (SEN) support

nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/site.page?id=mjHuZeCQAY4

Nottinghamshire County Council – Customer Service Contact Form

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform

RelayUK

relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html

SignVideo APP

signvideo.co.uk/download

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Nottshelpyourself | SEND Local Offer - Early years support](https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/SEND/LocalOffer/Earlyyears/support)

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