Come and join in with us each month (term time only) at the following sessions. Remember you can come along to any sessions which suit you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Old Town Children’s Centre
Green Road, Poole, BH15 1QB

Rossmore Children’s Centre
Rossmore Community Campus, Herbert Avenue, Poole, BH12 4HR

Branksome Children’s Centre
350 Poole Road, Branksome, Poole, BH12 1AW

To book your space at a session or to find out more, call us on 01202 261955

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What is Portage Stay and Play?

Stay and Play is an extension of the Christchurch & Poole Portage Service, which is a home visiting educational service for pre-school children with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEN/D) and their families. Stay and Play sessions are informal play sessions run by a Portage Practitioner/Consultant where you can play with your child/ren using a range of fun, sensory and interactive toys and activities.

How does it work?

At each Stay and Play session a Portage Practitioner/Consultant, experienced in the learning & development of young children with SEN/D and trained in Portage techniques, will help you to develop your child’s learning and development. It is also a good opportunity to ask questions and gain advice.

What does a session look like?

Each session lasts for an hour and a half and uses Portage techniques of small steps to learning through signing, visual support, visual timetables, structured play and free play. There is also time to chat with other parents and the practitioner and have a small snack.

What will I need?

Just bring yourself, your child/ren and be ready to get involved with the fun activities on offer! The sessions are free of charge and the specialist equipment/toys will be provided by the Portage Service/Children’s Centre.

Stay and Play’s Golden Rules!

- **Get involved!** - turn your mobile phone off and put it somewhere safe, so that you can get stuck in with some fun activities with your child/ren
- **Stay Safe** – keep hot drinks away from the children and play along side your child/ren helping them to stay safe at all times.
- **Share your experience** – maybe you have a great activity which your child/ren loves and you enjoy too, share it with the group to help other parents with ideas.
- **Make it regular** – hopefully you and your child/ren will enjoy the Stay and Play sessions so come along each month to see what’s new and to share your progress.
- **Have fun** – most important of all, enjoy the play time with your child/ren and get to know some other mums and dads too.
- **Please don’t** - take photos of your child at the session as this is not allowed in the Children’s Centres.

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