

Bartongate Children's Centre, Sinope Street,
Gloucester GL1 4AW

Beacon Children Centre, Valley Gardens, Kingsway,
Quedgeley, GL2 2AR

Berkeley Town Hall, Salter Street, Berkeley,
Gloucestershire GL13 9DB

Butterfly Garden, Dundry Nurseries and Garden
Centre, Bamfurlong Lane, Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire GL51 6SL

Cashes Green Community Hub (School site),
Hillcrest Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4NL

Elmbridge Children's Centre, Elmbridge Primary
School, Windfall Way, Gloucester, GL2 0LN

Finlay & Tredworth Children's Centre, Tredworth
Road, Gloucester GL4 6TL

Noah's Ark Children Centre, York Road,
Tewkesbury, GL20 5HU

The Jubilee Hall, Park Road, Blockley,
Gloucestershire GL56 9BY

The Link Children's Centre, Matson Avenue,
Gloucester GL4 6BE

**For more information please contact
SEND Early Years Team
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>9.30-11.30am Early Start group, Elmbridge Children's Centre</p> <p>9.30-11am Early Start group, Noah's Ark Children's Centre</p> <p>12.45-2.45pm Early Start group, Elmbridge Children's Centre</p>	<p>9.30-11.00am Early Start group, Finlay Children's Centre</p> <p>12.00-2.00pm Hope group for premature babies (parent-led), Finlay Children's Centre</p> <p>1.30-3.00pm Early Start group, Bartongate Children's Centre</p> <p>1.30-3.00pm (monthly) The Jubilee Hall, Blockley</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Early Start group, Beacon Children's Centre</p> <p>1.00-2.30pm Early Start group, Berkeley Town Hall</p>	<p>9.30-11.00am Early Start group, Cashes Green Community Hub (school site)</p>	<p>8.30-11.00am Early Start group, The Link Children's Centre</p> <p>12.30-2.30pm Butterfly Garden (drop- in), Dundry Nurseries and Garden Centre</p>

SEND Early Years Team

Early Start groups

Targeted child development support for
children with additional needs



The SEND Early Years Team provide Early Start groups throughout the county for children with development needs or disabilities aged 0-5 years old.

We offer targeted groups throughout the week for children to attend with their parent/carers.

Sessions are planned and led by qualified and experienced early years practitioners, and in some sessions the team includes a physiotherapist or speech and language therapist who will offer advice, guidance and hands-on work.

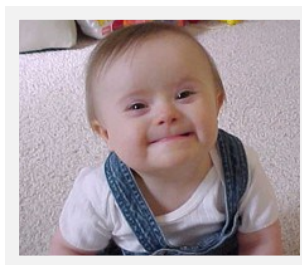
Our philosophy is that children learn best through play, so we provide ideas and activities to encourage play and help to develop each child's individual potential for learning.

We work in partnership with parents and offer advice on activities that can be carried out at home to support the child's ongoing development.



We offer a Total Communication approach and encourage all methods of communication. We may use signing, symbols, switches and communication aids to support each child in the most effective way.

Every child will have an individual support plan (My Plan or My Plan+) including targets set for each child using the Early Support Development Journal and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.



What happens in the group

Each group runs for approximately 1½ hours once a week and is run by experienced and knowledgeable SEND Early years practitioners.

Sessions may include a song or story time, a sensory/messy play activity, a technology session using our large touchscreen, a structured 'hello' time and

use of equipment such as standing frames, supportive seating and walking aids if indicated.

We are also able to accommodate any equipment your child may need eg supportive seating.

Children will be offered a place at an Early Start Group after a referral to the SEND Early Years Service has been received and the Portage Lead/SEND Early Years team member has visited both the child and parent at home.

We use a variety of toys and equipment to support your child's play and learning, and also have a small multi-sensory room at Elmbridge Children's Centre where children may work on visual skills or simply relax, plus a drop-in session at The Butterfly Garden at [Dundry Nurseries & Garden Centre](#).

