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Other sources of information :

Nottinghamshire Local Offer

www.nottinghamshiresendlocaloffer.org.uk

Nottinghamshire Families Information Service

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www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk

Ofsted Early Years: www.gov.uk Childminders and Childcare

Find an Ofsted inspection report - via the distance from your home

Childcare Choices www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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For Nottinghamshire families

Finding an Early Years setting for a child with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities



Finding the right provision for your early years child

Childhood between 0 - 5 years is a very important time for every family, but even more so if your child has special educational needs (SEN) or disabilities.

Your Local Authority supports a range of early years and childcare providers who promote an inclusive approach to meet the individual needs of all SEN children.

Nottinghamshire Local Offer

Nottinghamshire County Council provide lists of childminders, pre-school playgroups, day nurseries, school nurseries, crèches, before and after school and holiday clubs searched via: "The Local Offer" which also has information about services, support and activities for children with special educational needs (SEN) within your local area.

Nottinghamshire Families Information Service

Has lists of registered childminders, pre-school playgroups, day nurseries, school nursery classes or units, crèches, before and after school and holiday clubs

Ofsted Early Years

You can search online and look at Ofsted early years inspection reports and Ofsted grades awarded to individual providers within your local postcode area to see how well they support SEN children in their care.

Children's Centres

Children's Centres offer early years support sessions and groups for families with children 0 - 5 years and may signpost you to suitable education and care providers in your area.

Baby and Toddler groups

Parents at these groups can be a good source of information about the best providers within your local area. Your local library may also have lists of local childcare providers.

Free early years care and learning places

3 & 4 year olds are all entitled to 15 hours of free childcare over 38 weeks of the year; some may be entitled to 30 hours.

Free places for some 2 year-olds are available.

The 15 hours per week which all 3 and 4 year olds, and some 2 year olds, can currently receive, increased to 30 hours from September 2017. Parents can check their SEN Child's eligibility by searching: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Extra SEN support for children in Nottinghamshire

The Early Years Quality & Attainment Team supports childcare/education settings with applications for inclusion funding to cover extra staff costs for children with additional needs. Settings also get support from the Early Years Team from Schools & Families Specialist Services (SFSS), who provide specialist teachers and teaching assistants to work with settings and individual children.