

Joining Small Steps - How it all works!

(Joining, Consolidation and Graduation ?)

You find out about Small Steps from somewhere or someone and contact us. We'll send you some information if you don't already have it. It might sound like something you want to do with your child.

In order to come to Small Steps your child must be under 4 years old, have a predominantly physical disability, and not be at a Special School full time. Also parents / carers must commit to attending sessions and incorporating tasks into daily life with the child at home.

If it sounds like Small Steps might be right for you and your child, we'll invite you along with a few other new families to the next appropriate 'Tiny Steps' introductory (one off) session. This is an opportunity for us to meet each other and for you to get a bit more of an idea about how things work here at Small Steps.

It might be after 'Tiny Steps' that we feel we're not the appropriate service for you. We might suggest something else to try instead.

Or it might be that we invite you to come and watch one of our regular sessions.

Then we'll offer you an individual play assessment so we can get to know your child a bit better.

After this we'll offer you a place in the most appropriate weekly session if there is space.

If there is no space available, we may offer you one or two more 'Tiny Steps' sessions while you wait for a group.

Once in a Small Steps weekly regular group your child's place will be reviewed each term. It might be that some children are offered one term only from the outset. Children change groups as appropriate and some may even move up into 'Big Steps' and come on alternate weeks only. When we think you're ready to move on, we'll talk it through with you.

When the time approaches to move on, we'll work with you towards Graduation! Families Graduate from Small Steps for lots of reasons, but must move on when the child turns 4, start (or are offered) to attend a Special School on a full time basis, or when it becomes apparent that their learning need is not predominantly physical.