

2 year old progress check



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As your child is between 2 and 3 years old we will be carrying out a 2 year old progress check to assess their learning and development. This information leaflet has been produced to explain the process, why we do it and how you can help us with it.

Why will my child's learning and development be assessed at 2 years old?

There are two occasions during your child's time in an Early Years setting that their learning and development **must** be assessed (as a Statutory requirement). The first is between their 2nd and 3rd birthday and the second will be at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (end of reception year, so at either 4 or 5 years old). The purpose of the 2 year old check is to work in partnership with you to review your child's learning and development in three prime areas (more about the three prime areas further on) and also to identify any areas where your child may not be progressing at the expected level. If this is the case then we will work together to find ways to address any developmental issues and suggest additional help from other professionals if appropriate.

What will you be assessing?

The main focus of the 2 year old progress check is on the three *prime* areas of learning and development and these are:

- **Communication and Language**
Speaking, listening and attention, understanding
- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
Managing feelings and behaviour, self-confidence and self-esteem, making relationships
- **Physical Development**
Moving and handling, health and self-care

There are four additional specific areas of learning and development and, whilst there is no statutory requirement to assess in these at 2 years old, I will make any comments if I feel they are appropriate when looking at your child's learning and development in a holistic way.

What format will the 2 year old progress check take?

There is no standard format for the check and it is up to each setting how they wish to present the information to parents. I have devised a format which I hope you find easy to read and understand. I will try not to use too much 'early years jargon' but please ask me to explain anything that you do not understand. I will try and be as honest as I can based on what I have observed and my professional knowledge of child development. Most importantly I will seek and will value your contribution to the check as you really do know your child best. If between us we do identify any areas in which your child is not progressing as well as expected then we will work together to find ways to try and bridge the gap.

If you would prefer the check in a different format or have any suggestions on how it can be improved then please let me know.

How can I as a parent contribute to the check?

Your child's key person and I will prepare the 2 year old progress check. If appropriate we may ask your child to contribute to it too. We will then send or print off a copy for you to read. We will then arrange a mutually convenient time to go through the check together and we can discuss whether you agree with the information in the check and we will have a chat about what you think and what you have to add.



What is the next stage if my child is not progressing in any areas?

First of all do not panic or worry.....

Children all develop at different rates and just because your child is 2 it does not mean that they will have developed at the same rate as another 2 year old. It also doesn't mean that your child can't or won't catch up and the fact that we identify any developmental delays early gives us the opportunity to bridge that gap.

Sometimes just changing some of the things we do at Little Caterpillars can help and there will be lots of things that you can do at home to help and we will discuss what these may be.

Where we agree that it might be beneficial to seek advice and/or support from other professionals, for example a speech and language therapist, then we will make the necessary referrals. We are committed to working in partnership with other professionals and to support you and your child.

If you any questions on
anything in this
information leaflet then
by all means talk to us

Further information about the EYFS Progress Check
at age two is also available on

www.foundationyears.org

and

www.little-caterpillars.co.uk

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