



## **Two Year Old Progress Checks**

The EYFS requires that all parents and carers must be supplied with a short written summary of their child's development focusing on the three prime learning and development areas of the EYFS:

- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication & Language Development

We are required to carry out the progress check between the ages of 24 and 36 months for all children in our care. This check can then support the 2 year old health and development review carried out by health visitors. At the moment the SOGS (stages of growth summary) is used in Rochdale. Our 2 year progress check has been introduced to enable earlier identification of development needs so that if needed, additional support can be put into place as early as possible.

The aims of the progress check are to:

- Review a child's development in the three prime areas of the EYFS.
- Ensure that parents have a clear picture of their child's development.
- Enable practitioners to understand the child's needs and plan activities.
- Enable parents to understand the child's needs and, with support from practitioners, enhance development at home.
- Note areas where a child is progressing well and identify any areas where progress is less than expected
- Describe actions intended to address any developmental concerns (including working with other professionals where appropriate)

The progress check is carried out by practitioners who know the child well and who work directly with them in the setting, usually their key person. The check is based on the skills, knowledge, understanding and behaviour that the child demonstrates consistently whilst at nursery and is put together using the observations and ongoing assessments carried out as part of our everyday practice.

The EYFS requires that providers carry out the progress check when the child is age 2 years. However, the following factors determine the exact timing of when it is carried out:

- The child's entry point to the setting. (how long have we known them?)
- Individual needs and circumstances of the child. For example, if a child has a period of ill health or a long time away from nursery then it may be appropriate to delay the check.
- Parental preferences. Practitioners will agree with parents when is the best time to provide the summary, preferably in time for parents to share it with the health visitor at the two year old assessment/health and development review.
- Pattern of attendance. If a child has irregular attendance then the timing of the review may be affected. A practitioner may also find it takes longer to build up a rounded picture of a child who attends just a few hours a week.

Parents are individually invited to have a brief meeting with the key person regarding the 2 year check. This policy, along with the completed progress check, is explained and given to parents in order for them to review and make comments. Once returned to us, the completed progress check is then kept in the child's file and a copy is given to parents to be shared with other professionals. A copy of our 2 year progress check is attached. We also give a 'pink slip' to parents/carers which is to be kept in the child's 'red book' as proof that a progress check was done.