

Progress Check at Age Two

Dear parents and carers,

This letter provides you with some key information about the progress check at age two which we hope you will find helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and have a chat with us.

What is the progress check at age two?

The progress check at age two involves writing a short summary of a child's development in the three prime Areas of Learning and Development. It takes place when a child is between the ages of two and three.

★ What are the prime Areas of Learning and Development?

The prime Areas of Learning and Development are:

Communication and Language

- this area includes speaking and listening skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- this area includes personal wellbeing and social interaction with others.

Physical Development

- this area includes developing large movement skills (such as throwing a ball) and small movement skills (such as holding a spoon).

★ What are the aims of the check?

The aims of the progress check at age two are:

- to review the child's development and identify the child's strengths and any areas where they may need support
- to build partnerships with parents and carers and ensure they have a clear understanding of how they can support learning and development at home
- to describe activities and strategies practitioners will use in the setting to address any issues or concerns

★ When will the check be completed?

The progress check at age two needs to be completed between your child's second and third birthday. We will decide with you on the most suitable time. If your child has only recently joined the setting, we will wait until we have had the chance to get to know your child and they have settled in.

★ How will the progress check be completed?

We will work in partnership with you to complete the check. We will listen to your views and invite you to share your knowledge of your child. We will tell you about our observations of your child in the setting. Together we will describe your child's progress and development in each of the prime areas. We will record your child's strengths as well as any areas where they may need some support. We will give you information about how you can help your child's development at home and explain activities and strategies we will use in the setting to enable your child to make progress. We will also describe any additional help your child will receive.

★ Who will complete the progress check at age two for my child?

The progress check will usually be completed by your child's key person at the setting where they spend most of their time. It will include contributions from you and from any other professionals who work with your child, such as childminders.

★ What happens after the check?

Once the check has been completed, you will receive a copy. We will discuss the check with you so we can continue to work together at home and in the setting to help your child make progress. We recommend that you share the check with the health visitor at your Health and Development Review at Age Two. It may also be helpful to share it with other professionals who work with your child.



We hope that you have found this letter useful. If you have any questions or if you would like any further information, please let us know.