

# Schoolroom Two

## 6.9 Integrated Two Year Old Health and Education Review

There are currently consultations within the Health and Local Authority regarding their plan of action to develop an integrated approach for the 2 year old check. The aim is to develop better communication across Health and Early Years.

At the moment when a child turns 2 years old they will be offered two different development reviews. One is carried out by the NHS usually by a health visitor and is called the 27 month development review. The other will take place at our setting which is Ofsted registered and is called the 2 year progress check.

Each check has the same aim of making sure that parents, carers and children get the right support at the right time, so there is some overlap but they focus on different things.

The integrated 2 year Health and Education review is not a Health Visitor and Early Years practitioner jointly observing the child with parent or carer present.

Starting this year, the 2 year reviews are being brought together in an integrated review at two. Although each review will be carried out separately.

The aim of integrating the review is to:

- identify the child's progress, strengths and needs at this age in order to promote positive outcomes in health and wellbeing, learning and development
- facilitate appropriate intervention and support for children and their families, where progress is less than expected
- generate information which can be used to plan services and contribute to reduction of inequalities in children's outcomes

The progress check will then be sent to the Health Visitor (with parents written permission signed at the time their child starts). They can look over the information and if they think a child needs more support they will work with us and the parents to make sure they get the help needed.

### Early Years Progress Check

The progress check at two is a requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is the framework that sets the standards for learning, development and care of children from birth to five years and must be followed by all registered childcare providers.

The progress check will:

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- review children's learning and development
- identify their strengths and see if they need extra support in any areas
- make sure that parents and carers know that their children are being well looked after by staff that know about their child's interests and needs
- discuss with parents and carers ways they can support their children's learning and development at home

The check will be completed at school by the child's key person. If a child attends more than one setting, the check will usually be carried out at the one where the child spends the most amount of time.

Parents and carers will be invited to discuss and talk through the check and will be given a written summary to take home to make comments, sign and return. Parents may be asked to bring in their child's red book if their review with the Health visitor has already been completed.

We will then copy and pass on the progress check to the child's Health Visitor/Centre.

It is important for us as early years providers to have the name of the Health Clinic for each child together with the contact details of Health Visitor for direct communication and contact.

The NHS will contact parents and carers separately to arrange their development review. We stress to parents and carers about the importance of attending their child's health review when they receive their letter.

Parents are reminded that it is a requirement to share information in a confidential professional way between staff, parents and carers, external professionals etc.

We have regard to the Safeguarding and Professional Code of Conduct that is required at all times.

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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