

2 year check policy

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requires that parents and carers must be supplied with a short written summary of their child's development in the three prime learning and development areas of the EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; and Communication and Language; when the child is aged between 24-36 months.

The progress check has been introduced to enable earlier identification of development needs so that additional support can be put in place.

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 to meet them in the setting;
- 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; and
- Describe actions the provider intends to take to address any developmental concerns (including working with other professionals where appropriate).

The 2 year check (key principles):

- Should be completed by a practitioner who knows the child well and works directly with them in the setting. This should normally be the child's key person;
- arises from the on-going observational assessments carried out as part of everyday practice in the setting;
- is based on skills, knowledge, understanding and behaviour that the child demonstrates consistently and independently;
- takes account of the views and contributions of parents;
- takes into account the views of other practitioners and, where relevant, other professionals working with the child;
- Enables children to contribute actively to the process.

We at Blue Penguin acknowledge that you as parents know your children in more depth than we do in respect of physical, emotional and language development and you will naturally be monitoring your child's development. However, we aim to assist you in the recording of your child's progress at this key stage.

All 2 year checks will be completed by the main nursery staff whether they are with us in the baby nursery or join us in the main nursery. They will be completed within the first term after their 2nd birthday.