

Initial Assessment: Play2Talk Nursery

This initial appointment is for us to meet your child and to build a clear picture of their strengths, motivations and any areas that need some extra support.

The appointment is child led and play based and we do not have set activities that we expect your child to complete. Overall it should be fun for both you and your child and give us an opportunity to see which setting your child will be best placed in alongside developing a set of initial targets that we will be using to work with your child in nursery.

We also complete a Developmental Language Assessment which we then use to monitor and track progress across all areas of speech and understanding.

Before the Assessment

We would ask that you fill out the initial referral in as much detail as you can. This gives us a foundation of information so that we can best set up the room according to your child's current stage of development.

If you can also let us know 5-6 activities for your child that are highly preferred. These can be object games or people games.

We will then plan to use these within our appointment.

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- This assessment is for us to see how your child plays/ interacts/ communicates currently for a baseline-please don't worry if your child gets upset/ doesn't want to play/ won't engage! We are here to help and not to judge!

Format:

- We will start with a short parent interview to go through your child's developmental history which will give your child time to settle into the room.
- We then conduct a play observation- and ask you to start by offering a choice of 2 activities for your child to choose between.
- We will then observe you playing as you usually would with this activity.
- When your child has had enough of the activity, we will ask you to wait to see what they do to indicate this as this is useful for us to observe as part of our communication assessment.
- You can then continue and offer another choice or let your child take the lead.
Whatever you would do typically
- We would like you to show us how you usually play and what your child does when you are involved in their activities- this will help us get an accurate picture of what your child is really good at already and what they might need some help with.
- We will observe 5-6 activities initially and then we need to ask some questions around your child's understanding of language and instructions. If we can assess this

through observing more play activities that will be great, if not then we can ask you some questions and your child can have a break!

- Any questions please ask us at any point!

Other Information

- We don't allow food or sweet/ fizzy drinks into the assessment room (water is fine)
- As it is such a short appointment we would ask that your child has had their usual meals before starting so that they are not hungry during the 90 mins.
- We ask that no screens (ipads/ phones etc) or electronic toys are brought into the assessment room.
- We require all adults to leave their phones in the waiting room during the assessment. As we are an OFSTED registered nursery we have to adhere to strict safeguarding and confidentiality procedures.
- Buggies should be folded and left in the outside buggy park. Staff will supply you with a cycle lock to secure.