

Writing a 2 year progress check - EYFS 2012

A lot of childminders are getting very confused about the 2 year progress check and what information should be included.

The Government guidance can be found here - www.foundationyears.org.uk - EYFS page. It is a very comprehensive document and gives lots of useful sample layouts of how progress check forms might be designed towards the end.

The 2 year progress check is not very different from other summary assessments you write for the child, to show how wonderful they are and to share their learning and development achievements with their parents. You might use the following information when writing the check...

- Observations and assessments done by you
- Focus on the prime areas of learning and development - but remember that children are always learning across all 7 areas so do not ignore their love of books, singing, dancing, the outdoors, outings to special places, building with blocks, using playdough, spotting shapes etc if your observations have noted these interests too
- Contributions from parents - this is a very important
- Information from other settings the child attends (if relevant) - if the child is at the other setting more than they are with you, you should think about how you can share information about their learning and development while with you to give to the other setting as this can then be included in the progress check
- A piece of the child's artwork or mark making or a photo will brighten it up
- Things you are working on with the child - the next steps or possible lines of direction (PLODS) the child's learning is taking
- Any concerns you have about the child's learning and development should be noted. These must not be a surprise to parents - you will have already discussed them fully and parents will know you are including the information.

Remember, the requirement is to write the progress check around the time the child has their 2 year Health Visitor check and hand it over to the child's parents. Your job is then done! If parents choose not to hand it over to the Health Visitor, this is not your problem.

There is no requirement to write a progress check if children have already had their Health Visitor check or if they are nearly 3 - however, you will be writing regular observations, assessments, individual planning and summaries anyway - the 2 year progress check is simply another part of the ongoing assessment process to show children are making good progress.

It is recommended that you put a copy of the 2 year progress check in the child's Learning Journey folder as evidence of having completed it for Ofsted.