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Pre-school Assessment Team

Springboard Child Development Centre

Children are referred to Springboard for a developmental assessment when there is concern regarding some aspect(s) of their development. The Pre-school Assessment Team is a small team of specialist and experienced staff.

Admission to Springboard is not a way to prove problems, but a way of identifying any needs your child may have so that the most appropriate way of meeting their needs can be identified.

What do we do?

Your child will be assessed by looking at his/her development through play activities, in a small structured group.

The activities are planned to look at different aspects of development in different situations.

Your child will take part in 1:1 and group play/craft activities.

During sessions we also aim to promote children's social awareness and development. Your child will be given a snack/drink and encouraged to make choices and be involved in helping.

We will also help in encouraging children's self-care skills by supporting you in areas such as toilet training, eating and drinking.

What should I bring?

While your child is attending please could you bring with them:

- a change of clothes
- nappies etc. (if required)
- any special dietary requirements

How often will my child attend?

Each session lasts for two hours and children usually attend weekly. Once the assessment commences it is important for your child to attend consistently.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please inform staff **as soon as possible**.

Feedback on the sessions

At the end of each of your child's sessions a member of the Team will give feedback in a group to all parents. The feedback is to tell you what activities have been completed in the session and the aims of the activities from a developmental perspective.



Collecting your child

If anyone other than you as parents/carers is to collect your child, you must inform a member of staff in advance. Ideally the person should have been previously introduced.

Sickness

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they cannot attend for assessment sessions until 48 hours after the last episode.

How long will my child attend for?

Your child will attend for an initial assessment period. This will be until a full assessment has been completed by the team; you will be kept informed as the process progresses.

What happens following assessment?

Following the initial assessment period you will receive an appointment to meet with the Consultant Community Paediatrician and a member of the Assessment Team.

The appointment is to give you feedback about the outcome of your child's initial assessment. It is an opportunity for you to discuss any queries or concerns. This may lead to discussion about the most appropriate way of addressing any identified needs for your child – a way forward.

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