



Early Years Foundation Stage 3+ and 4+ Assessment Information for Parents

Our overriding aim for the 3+ and 4+ assessment process is to make it as relaxed, child-friendly and enjoyable as possible.

The assessment itself will take place in one of our well-equipped classrooms and is essentially a play session which should be a positive experience for your child. We would encourage you to talk to your child about the session beforehand in preparations and describe it to them as an opportunity to play in a classroom with lots of fun activities and toys.

It is our preference for your child to attend the play session without you, accompanied by one of our experienced practitioners. However we appreciate that for some children – especially younger ones – this may seem daunting, in which case we would ask that one adult accompany their child to the session.

During the course of the session your child will be given a short informal assessment by an experienced practitioner. The assessments will be adapted for each age range, but in both we will be looking for children who are eager and ready to learn and who have the focus and language skills appropriate for their age. We will also be looking for imaginative and creative children who demonstrate a degree of independence.

Parents of summer born children must be reassured that their child will not be disadvantaged by their date of birth. Our staff are highly knowledgeable and experienced and will take fully into account the month in which your child was born. We are looking for potential as well as current skills and readiness for learning.

The assessment process will take 20-25 minutes, during which time refreshments and newspapers will be provided for waiting parents.