

# Parent Information



## Next Steps and Assessments

**Our curriculum is designed to provide all practitioners, working with children up to the age of 5, a benchmark, assessment tool and structure of what to expect of and to help plan for children as they grow and develop.**

This gives practitioners an insight or benchmark of where the child might be, developmentally, and where they should be moving onto next.

### *How does the nursery identify my child's next step?*

**Initial Meetings:** Your child's key worker will spend a lot of time with you and your child, getting to know them.

**Identifying Next Steps:** Using the information from the Initial Meetings it allows the key worker to identify areas that your child might need help or support with, in order for them to reach their next goal. This also helps us to measure your child's progress over time. Once your child has successfully reached their next step, new targets will be set for them. This is reviewed on a monthly basis or if they have reached their target.

### **Sharing Next Steps:**

Sharing children's next steps with parents is very important as this will give parents and carers information on where their child is at and how they are making progress over time. This also provides parents with the knowledge of how the nursery is meeting your child's developmental needs. These are shared through observations and parent meetings/reports.

### **Further Assessments:**

Your child will be assessed at least once every half term (6 – 8 weeks). If there are any issues this will be raised through our online assessment. Management will then review these concerns and interventions/additional support will then be put in place to ensure that children are supported in their development.

### **Parent Meetings and Reports:**

There are different times during a child's time with us that parents will be invited into the Nursery/through Zoom to discuss their children's progress. Reports about their child's progress and next steps will also be produced alongside their birthday months. All reports will always be available to view on your child's Tapestry account.

### **Parent Meeting and Reporting Overview**

Parent Meeting	Report	Parent Meeting	Report	Parent Meeting	Report	Parent Meeting	Report	Parent Meeting	Report
2 months of entry	1 year	18 months	2 years	2.5 years	3 years	3.5 years	4 years	4.5 years	School Leavers

## **What does the Nursery do with the Next Steps?**

**Planning:** The next steps form part of and is linked into our weekly and daily planning and forms part of our rich learning environment on offer. The activities that are planned for, provide a context for your child to practice and work on their next steps until they have achieved them.

**Observations:** Your child's key worker are aware of your child's next steps, their age and stage of development. Through a variety of weekly observations, the key worker will be able to identify when your child has achieved their next step. This will also inform the following next step set for your child.

### **How can parents help?**

It is vital for parents to be aware of their child's next steps and overall development. We are also very aware that all our parents are very busy and that time is very precious. That is why we use Tapestry, our online tracking tool, which shows you your child's next steps in all areas of learning. Alternatively, you can talk to your child's key worker to share them with you.

**Measuring next steps at nursery is only one part of a child's learning and growing environment. That's why it's very important for parents to share your child's milestones or WOW moments achieved at home with us to celebrate! You can do this via Tapestry online or in person.**

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