

First Weeks in the Foundation Phase

What is the Child Development Assessment Profile?

From September 2011 your child will be assessed 'on entry' into nursery using the 'Child Development Assessment Profile'. This assessment procedure is a consistent approach which has been adopted in every school throughout Wales.



The assessment will take place within six weeks of your child first entering the Foundation Phase and will be based on the six Developmental Areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional
- Speaking and Listening
- Reading and Writing
- Sort, Order and Number
- Approach to Learning, Thinking and Reasoning
- Physical

The information gained from the assessment will help to ensure that your child's first experience of education is appropriate to their needs and stage of development and that the activities planned for them will help to move them forward in their learning.

Nursery staff will assess children's progress through observing them in their everyday activities and use the information to plan the next stage in their development.



How will you know the outcome of the assessment?



The assessment of each Developmental Area will be undertaken in the language of the setting.

There will be an opportunity for you as parents / carers to discuss the outcomes of your child's assessment and you will also receive a written report during your child's first term at school.



If your child moves to a new setting or school the existing documentation about your child's progress and achievement will be passed to the new school. Your child will not need to be assessed on entry to that school.