**Assessment in the Early Years Foundation Stage**

Children are working towards attaining the 17 Early Learning Goals by the end of the Reception year.

* All children are assessed when they start in Nursery or Foundation (baseline assessment) within 2 weeks of them starting.
* There are ongoing assessments throughout children’s time in Nursery or Foundation. These are made during adult led activities and through observing children’s play.
* Children’s progress is recorded in the back of their Learning Journeys.
* Summative assessments are made three times a year.
* In Foundation, final assessments are made against the Early Learning Goals at the end of the year, as children move into Year 1. These are shared with parents.

Link to Early Years Foundation Stage

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>