

Dear Parents,

Your child will be receiving a 2 year old health check with your Health Visitor soon and as a setting we have a legal duty to contribute with this assessment by acknowledging your child's stage of development. This is a brief document which will include statements about what your child likes, dislikes and what they do confidently as well as how we are supporting, deepening and strengthening their learning.

### **Working together**

For any assessment of development to be meaningful and useful, a complete picture of your child should be obtained. So working together with yourselves as parents, your child, all practitioners and professionals, will help to complete this.

### **The role of parents**

A starting point for all assessment should be an acknowledgement that you, as parents, know your children best. You are your child's first and most enduring educators, with in-depth knowledge of your child's, physical, emotional and language development over time. This knowledge should be reflected in both on-going dialogue and in the progress check.

### **What the check should include**

Parents and practitioners should reflect together on what:

- your child likes to do;
- he/she is trying to master or has just learned;
- New words/language structures are emerging; and
- Particular interests or patterns in play and exploration are observed at the moment

Practitioners will speak to you as parents about your child's development, and make arrangements for when is best to carry out this short meeting to contribute to this document. Therefore please let us know when your child's appointment has been arranged with the Health Visitor so we can complete this document to take along with you to your child's 2 year old health check.

Many thanks for your contribution and continued support – Jitterbugs Childcare.

