

Frequently Asked Questions

Child Monitoring Tool

Is it for all children?

Yes. The Child Monitoring Tool is an early year's document that is suitable for all children aged 0-05 years.

How often should I complete the Child Monitoring Tool?

Aim to complete it once a term for all children but more frequently for those at risk of delay. This is to assess the impact of the support being offered and to identify any future needs, eg Speech and Language Therapy support, Common Assessment Framework (CAF) etc.

Is the Child Monitoring Tool a one off assessment or not?

No, it needs to be regularly updated. See previous question.

When do we complete the Child Monitoring Tool?

Complete the Child Monitoring Tool after allowing a sufficient 'settling in period' for children. The grid should then be updated regularly as detailed above.

Is it necessary to complete both the EAR and the Child Monitoring Review?

Yes. They are two separate documents.

Do we Share the Child Monitoring Tool with parents/carers?

See EAR.

Key workers should seek to find out as much as possible about the child's communication skills at home.

Where should the Child Monitoring Tool be kept?

This is at the manager's discretion and in accordance with the policies of the setting.

What about children with English as an Additional Language?

All children need to be monitored. It is important to speak to parents and carers of EAL children, for example about home language use. Refer to P6 Statutory Framework for the early Years Foundation Stage

What happens to the information gathered?

The information you collect on each child needs to be shared regularly with leaders and managers and needs to be used to identify strategies to support individual children's development.

Where can we find support from?

- Training courses that you or other staff have attended.
- The EYFS documents.
- The LCC website – **Every Child a Talker – Leicestershire County Council** has lots of information and resources for supporting children's communication development.

Should the Child Monitoring Tool be highlighted?

Yes. Use different colours each time you update it to clearly show progress.