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A Parent Guide to the IAELD

IAELD stands for **I**ndividual **A**ssessment of **E**arly **L**earning and **D**evelopment. It is a tool used by Early Years practitioners to provide an initial overview of where a particular child maybe sitting within six areas of development.

These areas are as follows:

- ★ Play and early learning skills
- ★ Receptive language skills
- ★ Gross motor skills
- ★ Expressive speech and language skills
- ★ Fine motor skills
- ★ Personal, social and emotional skills

Each developmental area is divided in to six monthly age blocks from 0 months up to 36 months and then a 12 month interval from 36-48 months.

Each age block has a list of up to nine skills that are expected of a child at their chronological age. Occasionally, after working with a child for a length of time, the keyworker, SENCo or Preschool leader may feel that the child needs some added support in certain areas of development and so would suggest that an IAELD is carried out. This is not an uncommon situation.

At Breakspeare Community preschool, we strongly recognise that every child and family is different. All children develop at their own pace and they should be encouraged to play and learn within the comfort of their capabilities. Learning through play should be a fun and happy experience.

The benefit of the IAELD is that it able to give us a visual indication of the child's needs and any irregular pattern that may be occurring.

We will use a range of ways to assess your child, from playing with them, to observations, to discussions with their keyworker and you, the parent(s).

On completion of the IAELD, we are then able to pinpoint exactly where the child needs added support and set **SMART** (**S**pecific **M**easurable **A**chievable **R**elevant **T**ime bound) targets using an **Individual Education Programme (IEP)**, in order to help them grow

We follow the Graduated Approach at preschool, and will review your child's IAELD every term. The SMART targets that have been set will be reviewed every 6 weeks by the keyworker, SENCo and parents.

Throughout the entire process of your child being reviewed under the IAELD, you will be kept informed of any developments and the SENCo and Keyworker will be in regular contact with you.

It goes without saying that if you have any queries at any point, you can talk to your child's keyworker, the SENCo or the Preschool leader.

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