



## **Two Year Screening – Speech and Language support**

At Cullompton Pre-School we use an understanding and using language screening tool with every 2-year-old that starts with us. A member of staff will carry out some specially designed activities in an informal way, your child gets to play with a selection of toys while being screened. These screening activities help us to look at all parts of early speech and language development, such as how your child listens and concentrates; how they understand what you say when you are talking to them; what words and sentences they can use; and how well you can understand what they say.

The screen is graded as follows:

**Green** – A green outcome means that your child’s ability to understand and talk is typical of their age and they don’t need any more help. If you are at all worried, please speak to your Keyworker.

**Amber** – An amber outcome means that your child is not yet understanding/talking as expected for their age. We know that children are likely to make good progress when the adults around them focus on using easy talking strategies. The strategies are chosen to suit each individual child. Your child will then be re-screened 12 weeks later.

**Red** – A red outcome means that your child is experiencing some difficulty with understanding and talking and would benefit from an assessment with a Speech and Language Therapist. You will be given some talking strategies to use at home and we can help support you.

If the screen gives an amber result, we will discuss this with you, explaining the result and give you some activities to carry out at home with your child. Similar activities will be done with your child during their time here. The screening will be repeated after 12 weeks. If there are still concerns, we will start them on our Launch into Language programme and if between us we feel that your child would benefit from the expertise of Speech and Language Therapist we will refer them to their services, while continuing to work with them in the setting.

If there is a red outcome, we will discuss this with you and then refer to Speech and Language for input with your agreement. We will also start them on Launch into Language and give you activities to do at home.

Please don’t worry if your child does have an Amber or Red outcome as many children do find learning to talk difficult but go on to make good progress. The screening tool is all about identifying children early and providing some support that may help prevent longer term difficulties with learning, making friends, reading and writing.