

Neurodevelopmental Service

School Observation Guide

WHAT IS A SCHOOL/NURSERY OBSERVATION?

A school or nursery observation is a direct observation that happens in your child's educational setting. They are usually carried out discreetly and without the child's knowledge that we are observing them. This is so we can observe them as naturally as possible.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY?

The observation involves looking and listening closely to the child and the aim is to understand how the child behaves within the school setting and what their strengths and needs are. Observations will take place within the classroom and can include playground observations.

WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE THE OBSERVATION?

Any aids that the child uses such as glasses should be brought on the day. A comfort toy or teddy may also be helpful.

If your child also takes any medication, this should be taken as usual.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE OBSERVATION?

We will write up the observation and will let you know when the various sections of the overall assessment are complete.

We will meet as a Multi-disciplinary team to discuss the assessment outcomes. If you have further appointments these will be completed on a different day.

When all assessments are complete and reviewed, we will invite you to a feedback meeting to discuss the assessment decision. You will not receive specific feedback from the school observation until after all of the different assessments have been completed.

HOW LONG WILL THE OBSERVATION TAKE?

The assessment will take 1.5 – 2 hours.

If you have any further questions prior to the assessment, please contact the admin team who will be happy to answer your questions:

01553 668712 Monday to Friday 9 – 5pm

Or email us on nds@nchc.nhs.uk