

What kind of observations would be useful?

A brief list of examples – but be as creative as you like!

To be significant these will be the first time you have noticed your child can do it.

The best observations are brief, include exactly what happened and some direct quotes of what your child said (even if not grammatically correct). Photos are great if possible.

- Excellent cooperation with friends/siblings – sharing, resolving conflict
- Using new language/vocabulary
- Accurate use of past, present and future tenses when speaking
- Physical skills: ball control (throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling...); climbing; swimming; new sports and activities
- Self-care: getting dressed/undressed independently (buttons!); cleaning teeth; washing etc.
- Good pencil control; handwriting, building something intricate or sewing/threading
- Trying new foods; choosing to do healthy eating or talking about healthy eating
- Reading: knowing new sounds; reading signs in the environment; reading a whole reading book or choice book independently; knowing all sounds and letters of alphabet
- Writing: own name with all letters accurately formed; good use of phonic knowledge to write words and phrases; as an adult you can read back all of your child's writing; basic punctuation – full stops and capital letters
- Number and shape: counting objects correctly within 10 and then 20; addition; subtraction; doubling; halving; sharing; spotting patterns; talking about time, money, weight etc.
- Your child making observation about plants, animals, the environment, e.g. visiting the Natural History Museum and talking about the eating habits of a T-Rex!
- Using technology: PCs, iPads, Internet; software at home
- Talking about and understanding own cultural heritage, customs, religion – significant events
- Achievements within hobbies/interests: sports; dancing; drama; languages
- Music, singing, dancing, performing routines
- New creative art and craft skills
- Joining a new club.
- Changes in behaviour (positive!)
- Confidence talking to new people
- Winning an award/receiving a certificate