

WellComm: At a Glance...

FOR PRACTITIONERS



WellComm is a toolkit designed to help you in your EY setting to identify communication needs in the children you work with between the ages of 6 months to 6 years. The Big Book of Ideas has lots of tips and guidance on how to best support these children.

You will need:

- to find out the child's age in months
- a quiet space
- a box of toys to complete the screening

REMEMBER!

TALK to the child as you do the screening, but don't eye point, gesture or emphasise any words.

You can say the words in bold on the question sheet.

Screen until green!

If a child gets a RED or AMBER score, they need to be screened on the section below.

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WellComm has a simple traffic light system which puts children into one of three categories for their age appropriate screening



If a child scores RED on their age appropriate section of the WellComm screening it means that language skills are significantly delayed. The child will require extra support and intervention, and you may consider a referral to a specialist service.



If a child scores AMBER on their age appropriate section of the WellComm screening it means that language skills are mildly delayed. The child will require extra support and intervention. Follow the advice and activities in the Big Book of Ideas. Re-screen the child using the age-appropriate section within three months. If the child then achieves AMBER or RED, a referral to a specialist service may be appropriate.



If a child scores GREEN on their age appropriate section of the WellComm screening it means that language skills are age appropriate. You can use advice and activities from the Big Book of Ideas to help develop the child's language skills further.

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