





Red Flag referral guidelines

	6 months	9 months	12 months	18 months	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	Red Flags at any stage
 <p>Social / Emotional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not smile or squeal in response to people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sharing enjoyment with others using eye contact or facial expression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not notice someone new Does not play early turn taking games (e.g. peekaboo, rolling a ball) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks interest in playing and interacting with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When playing with toys tends to bang, drop, or throw them rather than use them for their purpose (e.g. cuddle doll, build blocks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interest in pretend play or other children Difficulties in noticing and understanding feelings in themselves and others (e.g. happy, sad) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unwilling / unable to play cooperatively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play is different than their friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not achieving indicated developmental milestones
 <p>Communication</p>	Lack of or limited eye contact								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong parent concerns Significant loss of skills Lack of response to sound or visual stimuli
 <p>Fine Motor and Cognition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not reaching for and holding (grasping) toys Hands frequently clenched 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to hold and/or release toys Cannot move toy from one hand to another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of nutrition still liquid/puree Cannot chew solid food Unable to pick up small items using index finger and thumb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not holding or scribbling with a crayon Does not attempt to tower blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interest in self care skills eg. feeding, dressing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulty helping with self care skills (e.g. feeding, dressing) Difficulty manipulating small objects e.g. threading beads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not toilet trained by day Unable to draw lines and circles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns from teacher about school readiness Not independent with eating and dressing Cannot draw simple pictures (e.g. stick person) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor interaction with adults or other children Difference between right and left sides of body in strength, movement or tone
 <p>Gross Motor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not rolling Not holding head and shoulders up when on tummy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sitting without support Not moving eg. creeping or crawling motion Does not take weight well on legs when held by an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not crawling or bottom shuffling Not pulling to stand Not standing holding on to furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not attempting to walk without support Not standing alone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to run Unable to use stairs holding on Unable to throw a ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not running well Cannot walk up and down stairs Cannot kick or throw a ball Cannot jump with 2 feet together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot pedal a tricycle Cannot catch, throw or kick a ball Cannot balance well standing on one leg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awkward when walking, running, climbing and using stairs Ball skills are very different to their peers Unable to hop 5 times on each foot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loose and floppy movements (low tone) or stiff and tense (high tone)

Parents - If there are Red Flags call your Family Doctor or Child Health Nurse

Professionals - REFER EARLY – DO NOT WAIT