

Kindergarten Development Check (KDC)

Information for Parents

What is the Kindergarten Development Check (KDC)?

The KDC focusses on many aspects of early childhood development including thinking, communication, physical and behavioural skills. The check assists teachers to identify students at risk of not achieving expected child development outcomes. There are 21 critical markers across a range of early development areas that make up the KDC.

Why is this KDC important?

The early years of a child's life are of vital importance in terms of providing a solid foundation for lifelong learning. The Department of Education is committed to the early literacy, numeracy, physical and social development of all students. The KDC is one way of ensuring that the learning needs of each child are recognised and addressed by teachers.

How will the KDC be used to support my child?

The KDC has been developed to help Kindergarten teachers identify which children in their class may require extra resources and support.

When will my child be assessed?

Your child will be assessed against the 21 markers twice through the Kindergarten year; the first check will occur by the end of May and the second check by early November.

What information will I receive about my child's progress?

Following the first KDC, the teacher will communicate with you about your child's progress. Schools may also provide you with a KDC report.

What does it mean if my child has a 'No' assessed against one or more markers?

This means that your child has not yet reached that particular marker. If your child has a 'No' recorded against any markers in the first check, these markers will be assessed again in the second check towards the end of the year. If they have not achieved one or more markers by the second check your child's teacher will discuss this with you. Where appropriate an intervention program will be designed to cater for the individual needs of your child, utilising specific support where necessary.

Who do I contact for further information on the KDC?

For further information, including a list of the 21 markers, please visit the department's [KDC webpage](#) or contact your child's teacher.