



## Bayley-4 Developmental Assessment

The Bayley-4 is a formal assessment tool made up of a specially designed kit of toys that is used all around the world to assess the developmental functioning of babies, toddlers, and young children.

Its main purpose is to monitor your child's developmental progress over time; to identify any area of developmental delay early and accurately; and (where indicated) aid timely referral to appropriate early intervention support to optimise your child's development.

Meg is an experienced, accredited Bayley-4 practitioner certified by Pearson Australia and will carry out this individualised play based developmental assessment in our Ashford clinic rooms. She keeps the Bayley-4 session light, fun, and moving along, responding to your child's needs while adhering to the strict administration requirements of the test.

Appointment length varies in response to your child's age, motivation, attention, and interests. Please book a time that works best with your child's daytime sleep and allow up to 1.5 hours for 1-year-olds, and 2.5 hours for 2- 3-year-olds.

### What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be given a number of games, puzzles, and tasks to play with, along with some movement activities to try. This will determine if their level of thinking, language, motor ability and social-emotional skills are similar to the skills of most children their age from across Australia and NZ.

Prior to the appointment, you will also be asked to fill in a questionnaire about your child's typical day-to-day performance to help us learn more about their range of skills & social-emotional development.

### Which children can attend a Bayley-4 assessment?

Bayley-4 formal developmental assessments are available for 9-month-old babies through to young children up to the age of 42 months who can see and hear well (including if they use prescription glasses or hearing aids / amplification devices to do so).

Bayley-4 is suitable and highly recommended for children born premature (earlier than 37 weeks into the pregnancy). Depending on your child's age, we may book the appointment based on their corrected age – using their due date rather than birth date.

### What is the fee?

The fee for Bayley-4 developmental assessment is \$800. This includes a comprehensive written report. Your private health insurer or Kudos / NDIS plan may offer a financial contribution towards this assessment – please contact them directly for specific advice.



## Who can come along to our child's assessment?

Our clinic room can accommodate a maximum of 2 adults accompanying your child. Both parents are absolutely welcome to attend. Or your child's primary caregiver and a Grandparent...whichever suits your family best is fine with us.

To ensure an accurate assessment for your child, it is essential that no other children attend the appointment. Baby siblings less than 1 year of age are the only exception to this policy. As such, twins above the age of 12 months old will have their Bayley-4 assessments scheduled for different times.

## What do we bring with us on the day?

- A drink and snack for your child – kept out of sight so not to distract your child
- A bag containing 3 small everyday items your child recognises and is familiar with
- Your child's prescription glasses / hearing aids (if prescribed)

## What happens next?

Meg will talk with you about how well your child is currently progressing with their development. Specifically, in the domains of thinking and learning; communication and language; fine and gross motor activity; and social-emotional interactions and skills.

If your child is having difficulties in any area, information will be provided to help you and your Paediatrician decide whether referral to other health care providers (such as allied health: physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy or Kudos / NDIS) would be the best way to intervene to enrich your child's development.

To facilitate communication and care management, you, your Paediatrician and family GP will all receive the developmental assessment report within 4 weeks of your child's appointment. We will also send a copy to your nominated childcare or ELC provider and Kudos / NDIS coordinator as applicable (all with your consent).

Recognising that parents are perfectly placed to help optimise your child's development through the moment-to-moment interactions you share each day, the written report may also include details for community resources to help guide and support your child over the months ahead.

## Is Bayley-4 possible if English is not our child's primary language?

Yes, but with conditions. In accordance with the strict Bayley-4 administration rules, where English is not the primary language spoken in your family home (and specifically not the main language spoken or understood by your child), toddlers and young children older than 12 months of age will only be assessed if an interpreter not related to the family is present throughout the entire appointment.

Please note that interpreter fees are not covered in the Bayley-4 fee schedule and are the responsibility of the family.