

Drop In Clinics

Child Development

Free Drop In Clinic at Bridges for Learning



The drop in clinic at Bridges for Learning provides parents with the opportunity to informally discuss issues and seek information and advice about their child's development (0-8 yrs old). Drop in clinics involve informal discussions and a short screening of skills by friendly, qualified professionals, including speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, and/or special educator. It is not a formal assessment.

Parents and their child are welcome to attend a drop in clinic if they have concerns about their child's general development or specific concerns in the areas of speech and language, delayed motor (movement) skills, sensory awareness, school readiness skills or social interactions with others.

When?

The drop in clinics are scheduled from 1pm to 3pm on the following Tuesdays:

<i>Dates:</i>	<i>Attended by:</i>
23 March	Speech Pathologist (if busy also the Special Educator)
20 April	Physiotherapist (if busy also the Occupational Therapist)
18 May	Occupational Therapist (if busy also the Speech Pathologist)

No appointment is necessary. Therapist consultations take place in order of arrival. A wait to see a therapist should be expected. The time will vary depending on the number of people who are attending the clinic. You can expect to spend up to 15 minutes with the practitioner. There are a limited number of consultations available at each drop in clinic. You will be advised on arrival if the maximum number has been reached. It may then be necessary to attend a future drop in clinic.

Your child needs to be accompanied by a parent. If this is not possible, the person accompanying the child must have written consent from the parent.

What happens after the clinic?

A brief summary will be completed by the practitioner for the parents attending the clinic. Parents are encouraged to share this information with their GP, preschool or school teachers, or other carers of their child. If further assessment is recommended by the practitioner in attendance, families will be provided with a list of services they can access, or families can ask their GP or paediatrician for a referral.