



DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES WHEN TO CONSIDER REFERRAL TO SPEECH PATHOLOGY

AGE	CONCERN
6 months	❖ Doesn't laugh, squeal or look toward sound
9 months	❖ Has nil/limited babbling ❖ Doesn't indicate when happy/upset
12 months	❖ Doesn't point or use gesture, e.g., waving
15 months	❖ No first word ❖ Doesn't respond to "no" or "bye-bye"
18 months	❖ Doesn't use at least 6-10 words consistently ❖ Doesn't discriminate between sounds
20 months	❖ Doesn't use at least 6 consonant sounds or follow simple instructions
24 months	❖ Vocab of less than 50 words ❖ Reduced interest in social interaction
36 months	❖ Others have difficulties understanding the child ❖ Doesn't use simple sentences

OTHER CONCERNS

- ❖ Picky/fussy eater, limited to 4-5 foods, gagging on certain textures
- ❖ Difficulties with transitions
- ❖ Repetitive or perseverative behaviours
- ❖ Nil interest in communicating
- ❖ Drooling excessively
- ❖ Stutters consistently, for longer than 6 months

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly staff on 040 590 831.

