

DEMAND SCHEDULE ©

Explanation about the demand schedule

This schedule is to be used by the member of staff to measure the reasons and frequency of the demands made upon them by children. In this very simply way each member of staff can capture why children are coming to see them.

In the left hand column list the reasons you have found as to why children come to see and speak to you. The number of entries will be dependent on the setting. Then simply keep this sheet with you and in a 20 minute period, when children come up and talk, note down the reason in the correct row descriptor with a strike (I). If this exercise is repeated over say three days for three weeks a sufficient amount of data will be collected to analysis for what reasons children approach you. You are wanting children to demand time of you for cognitively sound reasons not simply to ask to go to the toilet. If you find they only approach you to make a domestic demand (toilet, say someone is not being nice, etc) then you need to rethink your role in the setting.

DEMAND SCHEDULE BELOW

Type of demand	Number of demands in 20 minutes
Play	
Disagreements	
Find resource	
Fix something	
Routine – e.g. toilet	
Talk	
etc	