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### FINE MOTOR

### Below are aspects of a child’s development that may be of concern, if these are observed it may well be worth considering a referral for an assessment by a health professional.

### If a child is...

 Frequently in a fisted position with both hands after 6 months of age

 Not bringing both hands to midline (centre of body) by 10 months of age

 Not banging objects together by 10 months of age

 Not clapping their hands by 12 months of age

 Not deliberately and immediately releasing objects by 12 months of age

 Not able to tip and hold their bottle by themselves and keep it up, without lying down, by 12 months of age

 Still using a fisted grasp to hold a crayon at 18 months of age

 Not using a mature pincer grasp (thumb and index finger, pad to pad) by 18 months of age

 Not imitating a drawing of a vertical line by 24 months of age

 Not able to snip with scissors by 30 months   
  
  
**Here are some other fine motor "red flags":**

 Using only one hand to complete tasks

 Not being able to move/open one hand/arm

 Drooling during small tasks that require intense concentration

 Displaying uncoordinated or jerky movements when doing activities

 Crayon strokes are either too heavy or too light to see

 Any know medical diagnosis can be considered a "red flag": Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy etc.

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