

B Squared Framework Comparison Chart

STATUTORY FRAMEWORKS			B SQUARED ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS						
P Levels and NC Levels	Pre-Key Stage Standards	Early Steps (EYFS 2021)	Engagement Steps	Progression Steps	Primary Steps	Steps4Life	Autism Progress	Broad Areas of Need	
NC 7				Progression Step 10				Level 16 (13–15 yrs)	
NC 6				Progression Step 9	Greater Depth & Breadth		Level 2	Level 17	
NC 5								Level 16	Level 15 (11–13 yrs)
NC 4				Progression Step 8	Year 6	Level 1		Level 15	Level 14 (9–11 yrs)
					Year 5				
NC 3				Progression Step 7	Year 4	Entry 3		Level 14	Level 13 (7–9 yrs)
NC 2	NC 2a				Year 3				
	NC 2b								
	NC 2c	Standard 6		Progression Step 6	Year 2	Entry 2		Level 13	Level 12 (6–7 yrs)
NC 1	NC 1a	Standard 5	Exc. ELG	Progression Step 5					
	NC 1b	Standard 4	ELG	Progression Step 4	Year 1	Entry 1		Level 12	Level 11 (5–6 yrs)
	NC 1c	Standard 3	Children in Reception	Progression Step 3	Primary Step 3			Level 11	Level 10 (4–5 yrs)
P8						Step 7			
P7	Standard 2	3 & 4 year olds		Progression Step 2	Primary Step 2			Level 10	Level 9 (3–4 yrs)
P6		2½–3 years	Engagement Step 6			Step 6		Level 9	Level 8 (2½–3 yrs)
	Standard 1	2–2½ years		Progression Step 1	Primary Step 1			Level 8	Level 7 (2–2½ yrs)
P5		18–24 months							Level 6 (18–24m)
P4		12–18 months	Engagement Step 5			Step 5		Level 7	Level 5 (12–18m)
P3(ii)		9–12 months						Level 6	
P3(i)		6–9 months	Engagement Step 4			Step 4		Level 5	Level 4 (9–12m)
P2(ii)		3–6 months						Level 4	Level 3 (6–9m)
P2(i)		0–3 months	Engagement Step 3			Step 3		Level 3	Level 2 (3–6m)
P1(ii)			Engagement Step 2			Step 2		Level 2	Level 1
P1(i)			Engagement Step 1			Step 1		Level 1	(0–3 months)