What happens at a Ryegate assessment appointment?
I am going for a Ryegate assessment appointment. This might be at Ryegate Children’s Centre. It might be at Centenary House. My parents or carers will know where the appointment is. My parent or carer will come with me. Only one parent or carer can come inside with me. This is to help stop the spread of coronavirus.
When we arrive for the assessment, we will go to reception. My parent or carer will let the receptionist know I am here.

Most people will be wearing masks. My parent or carer might also wear a mask. I might wear a mask too, if this is ok for me. My parent or carer will tell me if I need to wear a mask. This is to help stop the spread of coronavirus.
After we go to reception, I might have to wait in a waiting room with my parent or carer. The waiting room might look like this:

Or this:

It might look a different way too. We might have to wait outside or in the car. I could be waiting for a short time or a longer time.
When it is time for my appointment to start, I will go into a clinic room with my parent or carer. The room might look like this:

Or this:

It might look a different way too.
In the clinic room, I will meet the people who are going to do the assessment. I will meet a Speech and Language Therapist. I might meet a Doctor. I might meet a Psychologist. These people will be wearing special clothes. The special clothes might look like this:

Or this:
When we’re in the room it is important that people don’t get too close to each other. I can still stay close to my parent or carer if I want to. This is to help stop the spread of coronavirus and keep everyone safe. The adults in the room will help me with this.
The Psychologist or the Doctor will ask my parent or carer some questions about when I was really little and what I am like now.

I will do some activities with the Speech and Language Therapist. We may read a story and look at some pictures. There will also be some toys to play with. Some of these activities I might find fun and some might be more difficult.
When we have finished all the activities and my parent or carer has finished talking, we might have a short break. I will go back into the waiting room with my parent or carer. This will only be for a short time.
After the break we will all go back into the clinic room. The adults will talk about the assessment and what happens next. If I am ok with it, they might talk to me aswell.
Then the appointment is finished. After the appointment, I might go home or I might go to school. My parent or carer will know where we are going after the appointment.

I might have to come back on a different day to do some more activities. Sometimes this happens with assessments. The adults will tell me if I need to come back.
I am going for a Ryegate assessment with my parent or carer. I might meet some new people at the appointment. My parent or carer will answer questions and I will do some activities with a Speech and Language Therapist. The assessment will help find out what I am good at and what I may find difficult.