

Characteristics of Effective Early Learning

HOW DOES YOUR CHILD LEARN?

Young children are learning all the time from the world around them and the people in it. The following characteristics are the foundations of HOW children learn.

It helps if we:

- encourage them to get engaged with what's going on around them by showing them and talking about things.
- support them to be motivated and excited about learning by playing and making it fun
- asking them what they think and talking about their ideas
- talk about how they are feeling and encouraging them to ask for help if they need it



PLAYING AND EXPLORING I AM ENGAGED...

I am curious and can explore the world and people around me.
I like to find out things.
I pretend and play to make sense of what I know.
I am willing to have a go and take a risk with new learning.



ACTIVE LEARNING I AM MOTIVATED...

I am involved and can concentrate.
I am interested and energetic.
I keep on trying when things are tricky.
I feel proud of myself when I have achieved something.
I enjoy the challenge of something new.

CREATING AND THINKING CRITICALLY I AM THINKING...

I have my own ideas and find ways of solving problems.
I make links and notice similarities in my experiences.
I can choose ways to do things, make predictions and test my ideas.

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING I FEEL CONNECTED...

I can understand my feelings and know how to cope with feeling different ways.
I know I belong and have good relationships with adults and my friends.
I am confident and positive about my abilities.
I know it's ok to ask for help.



What do you notice about how your child is learning at home?

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