
Appendix 5 (b): Children’s Focus group in Early Learning and Childcare Settings discussion prompts

Background

Please explain the following to the group before starting:

We are trying to work out if what we have is a happy, safe, nurturing nursery and to help us do this we are going to ask you some questions about what it means for a nursery to be nurturing.

Please note the word nursery is used here as it is a more widely recognised word for children.

“Being nurturing means that everyone tries to support and help each other in the nursery. It means that it is a safe place where we look after everyone and make sure that they know how important they are.”

1. Do you feel safe in your nursery?
2. What helps you to feel safe?
3. What do the staff do to make you feel safe?
4. What helps you to feel good about yourself in your nursery?
5. What do staff do to make you feel good?
6. What do other staff do?
7. What do staff say in your nursery that helps you to understand that you are important?
8. Are there ways that staff in your nursery help you to explain how you feel?
9. What happens in your nursery to help you deal with changes in the day?
10. How would you know that changes were happening? How would you be supported to come into nursery in the morning?

Is there anything else you would like to tell me about?

Is there anything the nursery can do to help you to help them feel nurtured?

Thank you for your help.