SSIF – EYFS Conference 2

April 29th 2019





Today we will:

- Reflect on your gap task intervention
- Consider the skills and contexts for having interesting conversations
- Discuss a progression in some conversational skills
- Plan for effective transitions
- Use the statutory Profile exemplification at 'expected' for Communication and Language
- Moderate a sample of your own CL evidence.
- Become familiar with the ECAT 'Quality Interaction Checklist'





Gap Task

Points of opportunity – planning for progress.

Consider how you can develop and improve language through:

- The learning environment
- Routines and expectations
- Teaching and interactions
- Curriculum development
- Learning dispositions
- Interactions with parents
- CPD
- NELI and Elklan approach
- Other



Gap Task Feedback

• Reflect on your gap task intervention

• What went well?

• Even better if...





Embedded Learning

- Ensuring that what you teach becomes what children learn
- Giving opportunities for children to demonstrate leaning in the fullest sense through access to a rich learning environment





What communication are we trying to encourage?

- Having conversations
- Expressing ideas, explaining, discussing
- Using new vocabulary
- Retelling stories and narratives
- Recalling and describing
- Co-constructing, inventing, adapting
- Engaging with rhymes, songs and stories



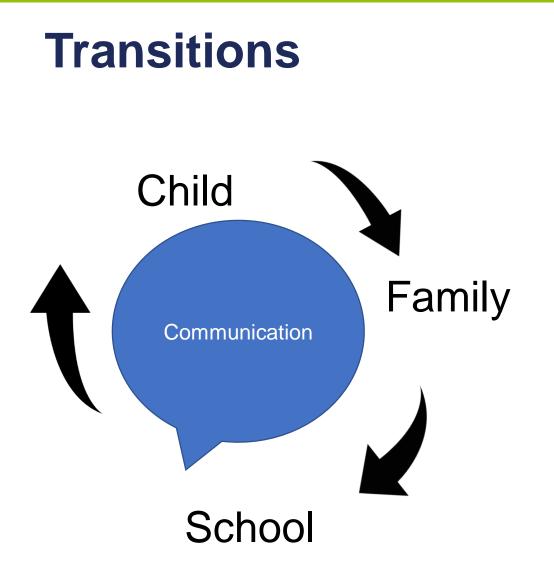


Features of a conversation rich space

- Spaces to entice
- Children encouraged to collaborate and communicate with others
- Resources effectively displayed & accessible
- Opportunities that stimulate talk
- Children make choices and are independent
- Children are enabled to become deeply involved in their learning
- Children can access places to explore, imagine, be active and be calm

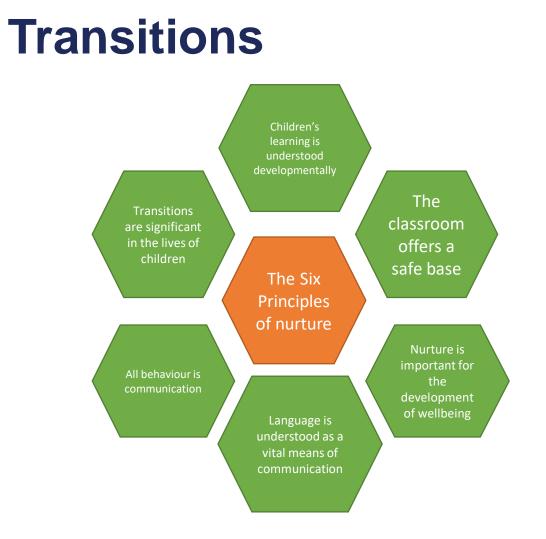
















Moderation of own evidence

- Professional dialogue
- Agreement on judgements
- Knowledge of the child
- Effective pedagogy
- Matching against areas of learning using the statutory exemplification materials

The focus today is communication and language – all 3 ELGs





Over to you!

Which judgements were easy?

Were there judgements that were more difficult to agree?

What might strengthen your judgements?

What action might improve progress for individual children?





Gap task

- Identifying opportunities for conversations in your class
- Use of quality interaction tool



