

Engage parents with the Characteristics of Effective Learning

Support parents to understand the importance of how children learn, as well as what they are learning, by promoting the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL) in your setting.

You can do this in a number of ways:

- Create a CoEL definition and information board using sequences of photos of the children engaged in learning
 - This shows the process of their learning and not just the product
- Talk to parents about the CoEL at Key Person meetings. Focus on developing the CoEL not just the early years outcomes.
 - Give them practical ideas on how to support their child at home e.g. by providing open-ended and natural resources
- When you share observations, focus on 'how' the child is learning not just the 'what'. Ask them to watch out for CoEL at home
- Run a parent workshop with lots of practical opportunities for the parents to 'try out' open-ended activities. Link these to the CoEL.

