

Teaching and Learning

Let's Reflect – 7 Key Features



The 7 key features of effective practice are detailed within Development Matters to be considered when developing your practice and provision. The 7 Key Features are:

- The best for every child
- High quality care
- The curriculum – what we want children to learn
- Pedagogy – helping children to learn
- Assessment – checking what children have learnt
- Self-regulation and executive function
- Partnership with parents

To effectively embed the key features, adequate time and consideration would need to be given to ensure that practitioners have a sound understanding of how they present themselves in the context of your provision.

Task

Consider the questions below and reflect on how you can further develop your knowledge and embed the 7 Key Features in your practice:

- Do managers and leaders have a sound understanding of the 7 key features?
- Do staff recognise and understand the 7 key features?
- Is there a shared understanding of how the key features are embedded within the provision?
- Do staff feel confident in recognising and supporting self-regulation development?
- Is more learning needed to develop the skills of the staff team when it comes to self-regulation? If so, what might this include?
- Do staff recognise the impact of their pedagogical approaches?
- Are assessments reflective of what children have learnt?
- What is the role of parents and carers? What is their impact on your provision?
- Do staff have shared understanding of expectations regarding what 'high quality care' is?
- What does 'the best for every child' mean to you? Do staff have similar expectations?
- Do staff have a sound understanding of what is meant by self-regulation?