

# Teaching and Learning

## Let's Reflect – Key Person



It is a statutory requirement to assign each child a key person. The role of the key person is to make the child feel known, understood, cared about and safe. A triangle of trust is to be established, to ensure that the child and their family's needs are met. Through building meaningful relationships, key persons are responsible for leading on the care and learning of their key children, working with others to provide provision that enables the child to reach their full potential.

“The key person must help ensure that every child’s learning and care is tailored to meet their individual needs”.

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### Task

Consider the questions below and reflect on the role of The Key Person in your setting:

- What qualities do you think are needed to be an effective key person?
- How do you decide who will be assigned as key person? And when is this decision made?
- What opportunities do staff have to reflect on their knowledge and understanding of attachment? How do they impact on the role of the key person?

- How are key persons involved in multiagency working? Including supporting agencies and managing transitions etc?
- How do key persons connect with families?
- How does the key person oversee the care needs of their key children effectively?
- Does the key person make quality observations which supports and informs the assessment and planning process for each child?
- What sort of things might you see a key person doing that shows he/she has expert knowledge and deep understanding of how children learn? How does the key person include the child and parents in the process of assessing and planning for next steps?
- understanding of how children learn?