

Teaching and Learning

The 3 I's - Impact



The last of the 3I's – Impact – referring to the outcome of your intention and implementation process, and what difference has been made!

To measure the impact, you must be able to reflect back on your original intent. What was the objective of your intended curriculum and how well has this been achieved? Whilst assessment is key to monitoring impact had, it is not to say that you should focus on formal assessment alone. Instead, consider what the children can do now that they couldn't before? How have they developed across the areas of learning, however big or small? Can you see the children use new skills, or approach activities with newfound confidence? Are they showing joy in the new experiences you have provided or preserving with a challenge that they can't quite master?

Consider your observations and what they tell you about not only the children, but also your curriculum and what is working well/not so well.

The impact seen should inform future goals and plans – it should not be considered a final summative construct. Where objectives are yet to be achieved, what is this telling you? What is now needed? More time? A different pedagogical approach? Adjustments to the resources available or the environment?

Task

As with the Intent and Implementation Q cards – work through the final reflective questions and consider impact and how it is embedded within your practice.

- Has the learning happened?
- What can the children remember?
- What strategies do you apply to monitor progress?
- How has planning for the next stage happened?
- How will/have you consolidated children's learning?
- What has been the outcome?
- What does this mean for the child?
- When do you know you have achieved what you set out to do?
- How will you check that the curriculum is working, and prioritise what needs improvement?
- How will you gather and consider feedback from children, practitioners, parents, and others?

Celebrating successes can be a powerful motivator! Be sure to revel in what has been achieved and the positive impact had through your well-thought out intent and effective implementation. Use your impact monitoring to support children to celebrate their achievements and how they continue to learn from challenges faced.