

The Image Of The Child

Early learning and childcare
Scottish Government

The European Commission ECEC Description :

“Each child is unique and a competent and active learner whose potential needs to be encouraged and supported. Each child is a curious, capable and intelligent individual. The child is a co-creator of knowledge who needs and wants interaction with other children and adults. As citizens of Europe children have their own rights which include early education and care.”

ELCC Settings need to :

- Be child-centred, acknowledge children's views and actively involve children in meaningful ways in everyday decisions in the setting
- Offer a nurturing and caring environment
- Provide appropriate spaces to play and learn allowing children to develop their potential
- Be responsive to children's changeable interests and demands

Young children are :

- Active, experienced learners with a natural curiosity
- Unique individuals
- Interested in themselves and their immediate environment
- At times upset, vulnerable, from a difficult home environment or have specific learning needs

Young children need :

- A happy environment where children and adults are actively engaged with frequent smiles and laughter
- An environment rich in opportunities to acquire language and encourage communication, inquiry learning and be involved in exciting experiences.
- Positive adult to child interaction including providing appropriate physical affection and comfort to children when they are upset

Questions :

- Read and discuss your question in pairs
- Select your top 3 answers
- Join up with another pair and select your top 3 answers from both pairs