



We ran a pilot of these home learning suggestions in October and November this year in:

Netherthird ECC and P1

Patna P1

A selection of childminders offering funded early learning and childcare

Grasshoppers Nursery

Riccarton ECC

Barshare ECC

Dalmellington ECC and P1



Feedback from parents and carers was positive, but we did not get as much as we had hoped for, perhaps because parents and carers were 'full up' managing work and life in the ongoing covid situation.

The members of the working party involved in the pilot met and compiled the following suggestions for other practitioners on how to share these most effectively with families.

- Before sharing these with families ensure the staff team have read and understand the purpose of these as stated in the 'Information Sheet'. Reading the section in 'Realising the Ambition: Being Me' (section 3) will help practitioners understand the importance of and focus on the 'dimensions of development' that underpin the organisation of the suggestions.
- These suggestions are intended to support children to learn through play, making their own choices and leading the process as much as possible so please bear this in mind when sharing or discussing them with parents and carers.
- Consider how you will share these and how you will make sure they are available to all families. For example, if you use an electronic format, such as a school app and you are aware that some families do not access this, you could send a printed version by mail.
- Ensure that parents and carers have the information sheet. Support those who may need additional advice.
- Please stress that parents and carers should use what is available around the house and not feel under pressure to purchase anything in order to carry out the suggestions.
- Practitioner judgement is required in terms of which suggestions to give to families and the frequency of issuing these. We do not want parents and carers to feel overwhelmed with lots of different suggestions all at once! Quality is more important than quantity.
- Please let us know if you require these in any additional language or format for families with specific needs.

Please get in touch if you would like more information:

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