

Tips to support the developmentally young child

Careful planning to make small adjustments for individual children can make a significant difference

Provide lots of repetition of short, fun activities including structured choices for the child.

Through observation it may become evident that delay is different in each area of development. Plan to start from where the child is, to promote progress through developmental stages.

Celebrate small step successes and differences.

All staff need to work together to ensure consistency for the child

Everyone needs to be ambitious for all children and provide appropriate challenges

Do not be 'velcroed' to the child, allow space for them to explore.

Allow time for keyworker to observe visiting therapists and other professionals working with the child to ensure strategies are continued within the setting

Staff need to recognise that development is often uneven and may appear to go backwards at times

Plan for the child to support them to be included group activities.

