

## **Observations including the characteristics**

There are 3 characteristics of effective learning which can be used to help plan for a child's individual learning & development experience -

**Playing & Exploring** - is about a child's engagement in their learning & development...

- Finding out & exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'

**Active learning** - is about a child's motivation (wanting) to learn...

- Being involved & concentrating
- Keeping trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

**Creating & thinking critically** - is about how a child thinks...

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

We are not required to use the characteristics every time we write an observation of a child's learning and development... the characteristics are not outcomes like the areas of learning and development.

However, some childminders have told me that they want to use the characteristics in some observations... here is a document you might find useful.

## Observation of my learning and development

My name is -

Date -

My date of birth -

What have I said or done?	Prime areas	Specific areas
	<p><b>PSED -</b></p> <p>1.1 Relationships <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1.2 Self confidence &amp; self awareness <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1.3 Feelings &amp; behaviour <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>PD -</b></p> <p>2.1.1 Moving <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2.1.2 Handling <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2.2 Health &amp; self care <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>C &amp; L -</b></p> <p>3.1 Listening &amp; attention <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3.2 Understanding <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3.3 Speaking <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Lit -</b></p> <p>4.1 Reading <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4.2 Writing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Maths -</b></p> <p>5.1 Numbers <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>5.2 Shape, space &amp; measures <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>UW -</b></p> <p>6.1 People &amp; communities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>6.2 The world <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>6.3 Technology <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>A &amp; D -</b></p> <p>7.1 Media &amp; materials <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>7.2 Imagination <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Observed characteristics of my learning -</b></p>		
<p><b>Evaluation</b> – what does this observation tell me about the child?</p>		
<p><b>Next steps</b> - ideas for future activities</p>		