

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Well designed and arranged physical environments do the following:

- Support your practice and routines
- Give you the framework to work within – both indoors and outdoors
- Should have input from all parties
- Less than ideal environments hinder practice

To ensure you have an appropriate environment – indoor or outdoor you could ask yourself the following questions:

Does your room or play environment . . .

- Reflect the interests of the children and the people who are important to them?
- Give children the opportunity to learn and explore at their own pace?
- Invite family participation and interest?
- Cater for children with a range of abilities and needs?
- Offer areas of visual interest in all directions you look?
- Include a wide range of natural elements for children and families to explore, and enjoy.

Does your environment stimulate curiosity, invite participation, excite and drive children to experiment and develop their interests further?

What can you do to improve this?