

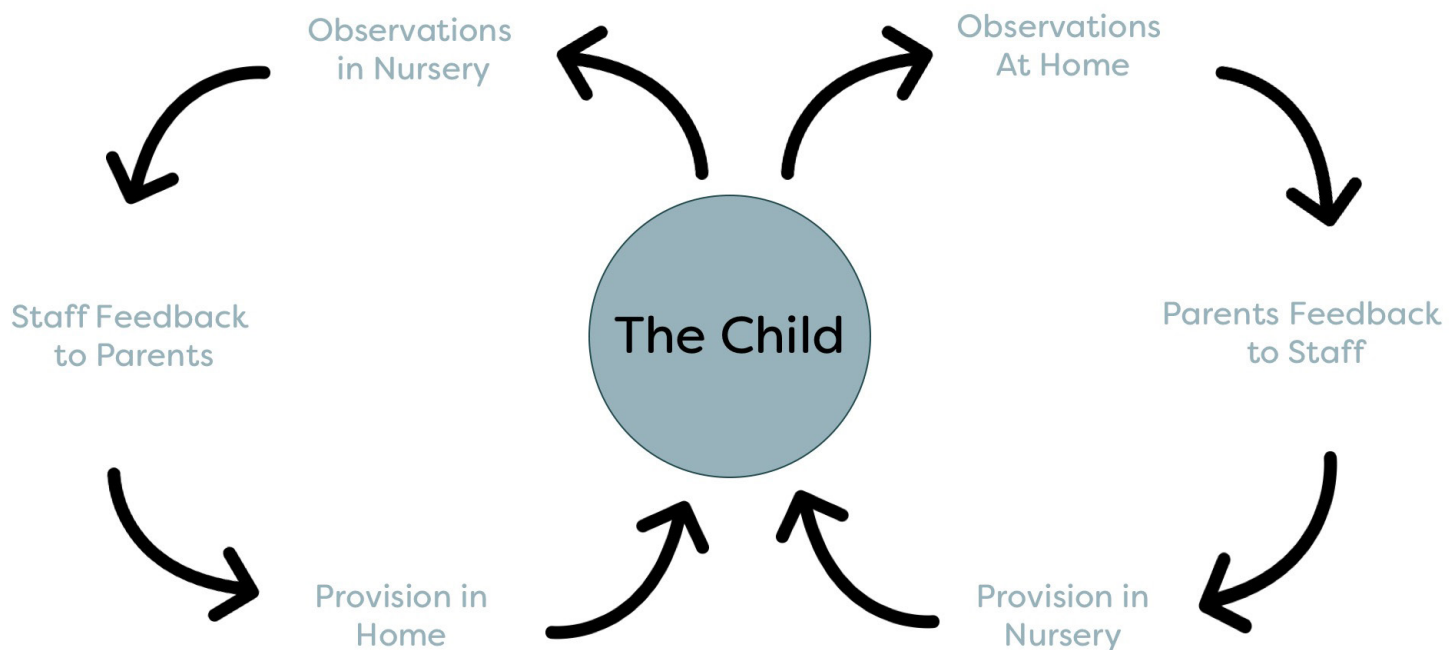
The Pen Green Loop

Knowledge Sharing between families and professionals



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for children and their families



When there is a reciprocal exchange of information from home to setting and from the setting to home, children will experience continuity and a consistent approach to their development and learning.

The learning loop is a dynamic process whereby all the important adults in a child's life give each other feedback on what seems to be centrally important to the child, and how and what children are learning in the home and in the nursery. Early years staff have expert knowledge of the 'public' and generalised theories of child development, while the parents have 'personal' theories about the development of their particular child. It is the interaction between the two sets of theories or explanations about the child's actions that produces a far deeper understanding of a particular child's development and learning. All the important adults in any child's life need to use this shared knowledge as a basis for engagement in a relationship with the child. It is worth re-stating with real emphasis, it is only through the combination of both types of information that a broad and accurate picture can be built of a child's developmental process.