

We are developing the way that we capture our observations of your child's learning. Your child has a Profile. The Profile is owned by your child and includes:

1. All About Me – information that you provide about your child
2. Developmental Overviews – a tool created by Highland Council to capture information on the milestones that your children are developing
3. Personal Targets – these are developed with your child based on their interests, their strengths and their areas for development
4. Key Learning Observations – observations of your child's knowledge, skills and interests.
5. Wider Achievements – information that you provide about your child out with nursery.

Throughout this year we will be developing our Profiles and the ways that we share these with you as families as we work together to support your child's learning and development. Due to the restrictions that we have currently, information is and will be shared through our use of SeeSaw. Our approach will be updated as new guidance is published.

How We Record Observations (November 2020)

(1) Ongoing Observations

We capture significant observations as an ongoing process. All staff members document observations for all children. These ongoing observations are organised under the five headings from the pre-school developmental overview:

- Movement and coordination
- Routines
- Social and emotional
- Play and imagination
- Understanding of and expressive language.

(2) Learning Journey – Focused Child

In addition to ongoing observations, each week we have four focused children (one child per key worker). Throughout the week the team focus on capturing the key knowledge, understanding and skills that the children develop during the week.

Name	Learning Journey	Week Beginning
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Learning Journeys will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What did the adult observe? ▪ How did the adult support/ extend your child's learning? ▪ Where did your child take their learning? <p>Your child's voice is captured through their comments.</p> <p>Photographs are included, as appropriate.</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"></div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: small;">Next Steps:</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Family Feedback:</p> </div> </div>		

The Learning Journey sheet is used to capture observations throughout the week, showing a week of your child's learning.

At the end of the week, using the Learning Journey (and considering any ongoing observations), early years practitioners, with your child, will identify next steps.

The Learning Journey will then be shared with you as families. You will receive a copy of the Learning Journey for your child every seven/ eight weeks.

Currently this will be shared with you through SeeSaw. We'd welcome your feedback and we will add this to the paper Learning Journey in your child's Profile.