FAQ Planning

How much planning do we need to do?
Paragraph 2.2 of the EYFS Statutory Framework states that “Paperwork should be limited to that which is absolutely necessary to promote children’s successful learning and development”.

It is reasonable to expect that planning documentation will form part of what is necessary to promote successful learning and development.

In order to promote learning and development, planning documentation should record the anticipated learning that practitioners have planned for.

What is continuous provision planning?
This is a long term plan for a particular area of your environment (for example the construction area). It identifies the potential learning in this area, the resources to support the learning and often includes guidance for adults on the sort of vocabulary that they can introduce and the interactions that will support children’s learning in this area. This can also be annotated with enhancements to meet the changing needs and abilities of the groups of learners. It is a good idea to have continuous provision plans for those areas of your environment that children will access on a daily basis.

Are medium term plans still relevant or required?
Yes – in response to current events and seasons, as appropriate for the age and stage of child and not to cover practitioners’ interests. However summative data (ie Progress Tracker) can be used to inform the following season’s broad planning to narrow gaps in children’s learning. In turn this will influence short term planning.

Are short term plans still relevant or required?
Yes – Daily / weekly plans- all key persons/practitioners should contribute to the short term planning with information based on their daily observations, knowledge of gaps in children’s learning, discussions with children and parents/carers, other professionals etc.

Your planning should clearly record the learning that you planned across all 7 areas of learning, indoors and outdoors, not just the resources or activities that will available.

Is there a set format for recording planning?
No. It is up to you how you record your planning.

Is there training available to support our planning procedures?
Yes. The Improvement Service can provide support and training on Observation, Assessment and Planning procedures, email us at EYCLImprovementServices@kent.gov.uk