

# Supporting the Unique Child

The development needs and strengths of all children are unique and will be influenced by their environment, background, and family circumstances.



It is important to consider if young children from socially excluded families, such as the homeless or those who live with a parent who is disabled or has a mental illness, require additional support.



Young children from a wide range of communities, and those from diverse linguistic backgrounds, may require intervention and support to help them to develop and thrive.



It is important to recognise that young children should be treated fairly, and as individuals regardless of race, religion, gender, ability, family or economic background.



Consider the environment you work in and ensure that each child's individual development and identity can be supported through their experience within the setting.



Encourage young children to develop their individual interests by providing opportunities for them to make safe choices.