

# Inclusive Practice

## SLC 4 – Communication and talking – Environments



Please note: the SLC cards have been designed to be worked through in order from cards 1 - 6

A communication friendly environment is a space that encourages and promotes good communication. This approach focuses on the role of the environment in supporting speaking and listening skills, emotional well-being, physical development, and general engagement.

Some elements to consider are layout, lighting, space, choice, noise levels, visual aids, visual distractions and creating opportunities.

### **Task**

Review your environment.

- Are there places for children to talk to one another and to adults?
- How do you ensure that there are communication opportunities across the environment?
- Walk around your nursery and room – are there communication opportunities available?
- What sociable opportunities are created throughout the day e.g., sharing a snack together?  
Is it purposeful? Are you using these times of the day to have meaningful communication?