

A photograph of a parent walking behind a child on a tricycle on a paved path. The parent is wearing a light blue jacket and dark pants. The child is wearing a blue shirt and shorts. The background shows trees and a fence. The image is overlaid with a blue semi-transparent rectangle containing text.

# ParentZone

**A Parent's Guide to Adding  
Observations on ParentZone**

**Let's work in partnership to give your child the best start in life.**

Communication is the Key. With ParentZone you can send us comments on anything you see on your child's timeline and you can even upload your own photos from home to evidence their continued learning.

## How to add an Observation

Log in to ParentZone

Click the **Add button**

Then select **Add an event here**

Select which child your upload relates to.

Select the time and date and then click either **Take Photo** or **Take Video** to open your phone's camera. Or select **Browse Media** to choose a photo or video from your gallery.

Select the photo or video you'd like to add.

Type in the notes box to give your child's Key Worker some information about what your child is doing.

Click **Send to Nursery**

This will then send to your child's Key Worker as a pending post. Once your Key Worker has published it you'll be able to see it in your child's timeline.

## Observations

### **What should you upload?**

We would love to see your photos and notes of activities your child has done and milestones they reach outside of the nursery setting. Everything you upload helps us to get a clear picture of your child's learning journey.

### **Is it a first?**

Did your child do something new today? If it is a first, we want to know! Their first steps, first words, first time they throw a ball. These are all huge milestones in your child's development and we would love for you to upload a photo and tell us all about it

### **Has it made your child proud?**

Confidence is a huge part of a child's social and emotional development. We want to help to celebrate all of their little wins to boost their self-confidence. Did they enter a competition, or draw a brilliant picture or help to make dinner for the family? If your key worker is aware of these achievements through ParentZone, they can create lesson plans to encourage discussions around them.

### **Have they been somewhere exciting?**

If you take a trip to the zoo or go on a woodland walk or visit the seaside, upload your photos. Your child's Key Worker then has the knowledge they need to encourage your child to talk about the trip, increasing their self-confidence and building their understanding of the world.

### **Have they done something at home that isn't noted at nursery?**

Sometimes a child may exhibit different behaviors in different environments. If your child is shy and quiet at nursery, but loves to put on dance performances at home, upload a photo or video for us. This helps to complete the learning journey for each child. We can also analyse what we can do to gently encourage these behaviors at nursery as well.

## Comments

We'd like to hear your feedback on our observations of your child, but if you are at a loss for what to write, think about these key questions:

### Is this something new?

Let us know if this is something you have never seen your child do before, or if they have been developing this skill or behavior over a period of time.

### Has your child told you about this?

If your child tells you a story about what they did today at nursery, make sure you tell us. This is a great example of continued learning and shows their understanding of the different activities.

### Do they do this at home?

It is great to see the similarities and differences between a child at nursery and a child in their home environment. Many children act differently when they are part of a group, in a nursery room, to when they are in the comfort of their own homes. Information like this gives your Key Worker a great insight into sides of your child's personality that they may not otherwise see.

## Do you have any comments about ParentZone?



You can contact Connect Childcare, the developers of ParentZone with any feedback, comments or suggestions you have about your app.

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