This year we have decided to make the change to 'In the Moment' planning, to help us ensure the children's learning and interests are, as ever, at the heart of what we do here at Juice. Our aim is to support your child to become more confident, independent and engaged in their learning.

Each member of staff, as a Key person, has a number of key children that they are responsible for. Historically, this has meant that they would spend time each week documenting planning, creating activities, keeping up to date on observations and development tracking for each of their key children. This is where we are making changes, to ensure that our team have sufficient opportunities to use their knowledge and experience to observe and support children in their play.

We have found that frequent uploads to EyLog can sometimes actually inhibit quality time for interactions with the children. These interactions are crucial to create a supportive and effective learning environment for babies and children and so, going forward, we aim to eliminate unnecessary and/or duplicated paperwork for staff and reduce time that they need to be logging online.

**What we will continue to do?**

- Provide an environment and opportunities that stimulate curiosity and challenge thinking

- Include extra activities such as music, baking and Stretch-n-Grow

- Observe and listen closely to the children as they play

- Work alongside you, as parents, to create environments that will spark children's interest

- Praise and reinforce positive learning experiences

- Follow the EYFS statutory framework

**What will Change?**

- Planning for the week will no longer be derived by Room Leaders

- No planning format will be written or displayed

- Frequency of observation uploads to EyLog

**How will it work?**

Each week Key persons will have 1 or 2 'Focus Children', this will rotate every 4 weeks. During this week 'Focus Children' will now have significantly more quality time with their Key person.

With time to observe and engage in play, practitioners will be able to fully support teachable moments, extend vocabulary and challenge children's thinking. This time is when multiple uploads of spontaneous observations will be added to EyLog, for staff to track development, and for you to see what your child has been doing here at Juice. Weekly uploads for group activities will still be added to EyLog by different staff within your child's room.

We would like to ask that you continue to support us with feedback around what you are getting up to at home, as uploads to EyLog around home learning continue to help us support each child.

If you have any questions regarding this, then please do not hesitate to contact me, or speak to your child’s Key person

Many thanks

Katie