

Child Observations

Links to Theoretical Studies

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How to make links

*Familiarise
yourself with child
development
theories and
theorists*

*Familiarise
yourself with the
child and his or
her ways*

*Connect with
parents who will
know all there is
to know about
their child*

*Find out as much
as you can about
the individual
circumstances of
the child*

*Keep an open
mind when
observing and
making
evaluations*

*During the evaluation
process, look at all the
possibilities or reasons
for behaviour and
development and make
the link to the theories
based on the facts that
you have observed and
understood – not just
because you want to
make a theoretical link*