Communication rich environment checklist

Use this checklist to help you reflect on your setting as a team, and consider which of the aspects of a communication rich environment you have already in place and other areas that may need some attention. Choose ONE goal at a time - perhaps considering which would be easiest to achieve or which would have the most benefit for the children. Note the impact this change has on how the children communicate with you and with each other. Then chose another goal.

	No	Partially	Yes	Comments….
Do we offer a quiet, plain area for individuals and for story-time?				
Do we keep background noise to a minimum, and is the space uncluttered?				
Are the different areas within the setting well defined?				
Do we offer stimulating and interesting resources?				
Does our seating plan encourage communication between children?				
Do we provide clear and consistent routines, with visual supports?				
Are the resources easily accessible and labelled (with words & pictures/ symbols) to encourage independence?				
Do we give children lots of opportunities to use their home language?				
Do we make time for rhymes and stories- and repeat them often?				
Do we watch and observe what the children are doing to solve problems and disputes before intervening?				