



## SETTLING IN POLICY

It is our aim that children are happy and feel safe and stimulated within the setting and that they also feel comfortable and secure with the staff. It is important that parents feel confident with what we are offering and of their role in helping us all to be active partners in their child's development.

Before a child first attends the nursery we invite parents to bring them on a couple of visits so that they can feel confident in their surroundings whilst receiving the support of their parents and the staff. Parents are provided with all our written information so that they can look over it in their own time and provide thoughtful, detailed answers to some of the important questions we need to know about your child.

A key worker is allocated to each child on entry to the nursery. As well as the team looking after all the children your child's key worker will get to know them very well and will also monitor their development and learning closely.

Parents are welcomed in helping us to decide on the best way to settle a child in. Any comfort object that the child uses at home will be most welcome in the nursery to help reassure the child of a feeling of security. As each child is different you may have a strategy that we have not thought of before. Parents/carers are permitted to stay while the child settles in if needed as long as this does not then mean it is too difficult

for the child to stay by themselves in the future. We expect younger children or children who have not previously been away from home to take longer to settle in. When a child separates from the parent/carer to look for a friend or key worker we are satisfied that they have settled in enough for the parent to be able to leave at the start of the session.

We do not believe that children who cry continually are getting the best out of nursery. Parents will be called to try to settle their child if they are very distressed. This will help the child to settle in better over a period of time and to not feel anxious about attending nursery.

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REVIEW OF POLICY .....