

1.11 Settling your Child into Preschool

Our aim is for your child to feel secure and comfortable with all staff. We want to ensure parents have confidence in both their children's well being and their role as active partners, ensuring the child is able to benefit from what the Preschool has to offer.

Our preschool will work in partnership with Parents to settle their child into the Preschool environment by:

- Providing parents with the relevant policies and procedures
- Engaging with Parents using Tapestry to capture moments of their child either for picture use and for their development
- Reassuring Parents if a child takes a little while to settle in – every child is different
- Encouraging Parents to separate themselves from their children for brief periods at first then becoming longer to make it a little easier when joining
- Allocating a key person who will be the main contact for both child and parent during their settling in period and the person to ensure good communication and information sharing between staff and parents
- Ensuring all your child's needs are met
- Respecting the circumstances of all families, working together to provide the best outcome going forward and reassure them of their child's progress towards settling in

We are now welcoming Parents/Carers back into preschool for your child's first session if your child needs it.

On the second session we encourage parents to leave the child to see how they fair. We ask that Parents/Carers are nearby in case we need to contact you.

We understand that all children are different and what may suit one child may not work for another.

This is where the importance of building trust and secure relationships with both parents/carers and children is paramount.

IF you or your child has difficulty settling, we can arrange a meeting with your key person to discuss the next steps going forward.

Date to be reviewed – by end September 2024