



Stower Vale Pre-School

SETTLING IN POLICY

At Stower Vale Pre-School we want every family to enjoy the time they and their children spend with us. We recognise that starting in a group setting can be an exciting but unsettling process for both children and adults. We will do everything possible to make the transition as easy and enjoyable as possible. Every child is different and each will react in different ways to the experience of being with a group of other children in a different environment. At Stower Vale Pre-School, we respect these differences and will use our knowledge and experience to help every child and family to settle in comfortably.

To help us do this we have a routine that we follow when new families start in the setting. This involves an introductory visit when you and your child come and spend time in the setting together. This gives you the opportunity to get to know the staff who will be looking after your child, to see how the daily routines of the setting operate and to understand some of the experiences and activities that your child will be taking part in during the day. This time is an opportunity for you to ask any questions about how the setting operates, and for us to check that we have all the necessary information on your child, including dietary requirements and allergies, as well as up-to-date contact information.

Following this visit, your child will probably be ready to stay in the setting on his or her own. Parents are welcome to telephone the pre-school during the session to check on their child's welfare. Parents are however made most welcome if they choose to stay with their child during the session at first. Children frequently become upset and cry at the time parents leave, but with lots of attention from the staff of the setting they quickly settle and become involved in the activities going on around them.

When you return to collect your child please ask about what he or she has been doing during the day, as staff will have plenty to tell you.