

Arrival of Children Policy

The arrival of the children at the start of each session is very important. This can have an impact on the whole session for the child.

We will work with each individual family where possible to establish a settling routine for each child. This will be based on their previous experiences at being left in the care of others and will be regularly reviewed as they settle and develop.

Each child's key worker will discuss the child's individual needs with their parent/carer. Parents are welcome to stay until they are confident that their child is settled. We also invite parents to contact the provision throughout the day for an update if they are at all concerned.

We have established a routine for the children when they arrive — this helps them to settle and develop a sense of belonging.

On arrival parents will be greeted by a member of staff who will register the child on the daily register. Parents are then encouraged to support their child, if necessary, to find their coat peg (labelled with their name and photograph), hang up their coat and change into their nursery footwear.

Children are then asked to find their name from the table and attach it to the "who is in the nursery today" display board.

Thereafter, children are encouraged to join in the activities by their key worker. They can choose from a range of activities — these will include quiet activities such as sharing a book as well as games, home corner and arts and crafts.

Parents are encouraged to share information on their child during this time. For example if their child has had a bad night, went to bed late the previous night, or has been upset over an incident. This enables us to tailor the care we provide to meet your child's individual needs.

If you have any concerns about your child settling or need to adapt their arrival routine please do not hesitate to contact us.