



## Settling Into Preschool Policy – (links to Equal Opportunity Policy)

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We want children to feel safe and happy in the absence of their parents, to recognize other adults as a source of authority, help and friendship and to be able to share with their parents afterwards the new learning experiences enjoyed in the pre-school.

### **In order to accomplish this, we will:**

- Encourage parents to make frequent short visits (1 hour maximum each visit) to the pre-school with their children before an admission is planned.
- Introduce flexible admission procedures, if appropriate, to meet the needs of individual families and children.
- Make clear to families from the onset that they will be supported in the pre-school for as long as it takes their child to settle in.
- The Preschool recognizes all children are individuals, therefore settling in will vary and Parents will be reassured throughout.
- At certain times of the year we may need to introduce new families into the group on a staggered basis, to enable us to meet the needs of all our children.
- Once a child has started, parents will be encouraged, as appropriate, to separate from their children as quickly as possible, so as to assist both child and parent in the settling in process.
- Parents are welcome to come into pre-school at any time to speak to a member of staff.