



Settling In

Policy statement

At Bright Starts Day Nursery we want children to feel happy, safe and secure. We also want parents/carers to feel happy about leaving their child in our care and would like them to feel part of the nursery.

To help settle children into the nursery we will:

- Encourage parents/carers to visit the nursery with the child and arrange a number of reduced time sessions (not charged) where the child can build up their time at the nursery.
- We recommend that the parent/carer stays with the child for the first settle session, which is usually for an hour. Following sessions are mutually agreed between the staff and the parent/carer. It will be discussed when and for how long the child should be left for the remaining sessions.
- Try to reassure parents who are anxious about leaving their child by introducing them to their child's key worker.
- Encourage parents/carers to telephone the nursery to keep them updated on the child's progress.
- Tell them in more detail about their child's session and what they have enjoyed doing.
- Encourage parents/carers to fill in the 'all about me' section within the child's learning journal before they start attending the session.