

THE LITTLE ARK

SETTLING IN POLICY

When children face new situations, often at first they are reluctant or shy. If your child is not accustomed to spending time apart from you, then you can expect that he/she will need time to settle. Children of course vary in the way they react to new situations, often seeming to settle easily on the first or second day, but becoming tearful and clingy subsequently. Children who show their distress openly on first arriving will slowly settle and gain independence if handled in a positive way.

For some children it may be necessary to stay with them at first. This can vary depending on the personality and temperament of your child. The amount of time you spend will vary. Some children prefer you to leave them for increasing periods of time after the initial settling in period, whilst others prefer to settle in themselves

For all children joining The Little Ark, our initial emphasis is on making them feel loved, secure and happy. Every child is allocated a key person who will monitor their progress while at nursery but the staff care for and work with all the children during the course of a week.

In time you can expect that your child will settle well and be in a position to form friendships, develop the social behaviours and independence required for the rest of their life. They will be encouraged to participate in learning activities that will form the foundations for later successful learning.

In order to settle your child into nursery well, we invite you to come for a visit during the term before they start.

After your child has started, staff will work closely with you if your child needs additional support and the option of a home visit may be discussed.