



Allsorts Settling Policy

At Allsorts, our goal is to partner with parents to help them become familiar with our setting and establish a nurturing relationship for their child. We understand that children learn best when they feel healthy, safe, and secure. By fostering positive relationships with parents, we can better meet each child's individual needs and help them settle into nursery life more easily.

All our staff members recognise the importance of building strong attachments with children. They are trained to understand the different stages of attachment and use this knowledge to support both children and families as they transition into the nursery.

Our settling-in procedure includes:

Each child and their family will be assigned a key person before the child starts attending the nursery. This key person, whenever possible, will welcome and care for the child, ensuring that their individual needs are met. They provide a stable relationship for the child and develop a rapport with the parents during the settling-in period and throughout the child's time at the nursery. This way, families have a familiar contact person to help with the settling-in process.

If a child begins to bond with another staff member, we will review the assigned key person to ensure that the child's needs continue to be supported.

Additionally, we will provide parents with relevant information about the nursery's policies and procedures.

Before a child starts at the setting, it is important to work with parents to gather information about the child's interests, likes, and dislikes, as well as their favourite activities, such as stories or resources they enjoy during settling sessions. Additionally, a baseline assessment of the child's current development should be completed to effectively plan for and meet their individual needs.

We encourage both parents and children to visit the setting before their scheduled admission. We plan for three settling-in visits and introductory sessions, beginning with a one-hour session with the parent, followed by a two-hour session and then a three-hour session, both with the parents. These sessions can be adjusted to suit the child's needs.

We will reassure parents whose children may take a little longer to settle in by collaborating with them to create a personalised plan, such as starting with shorter days when possible.

We will provide regular updates and photos to keep parents informed about their child's progress in settling in.

We will encourage parents, when appropriate, to gradually separate from their children for short periods initially, and then build up to longer absences over time.

We will respect the unique circumstances of all families, including those who cannot stay at the nursery for extended periods, and reassure them about their child's progress toward settling in.