

Settling In Policy

We want children to feel safe and happy in the absence of their parents and to recognise other adults as a source of authority, help and friendship. We also want the children to be able to share with their parents the new learning experiences they have enjoyed in their new setting.

In order to accomplish this we aim to create a partnership with the parents in the following ways:

- By making opportunities available for the exchange of information, using amongst others the setting's prospectus and registration form.
- By ensuring plentiful opportunities for parents to inform the setting about their children's achievements and wishes.
- By inviting parents and children into the setting to familiarise themselves with the building and staff.
- By reassuring families that they will be welcome and supported in the setting for as long as it takes to settle their child.

Children cannot play or learn if they are anxious and unhappy. Our settling in procedures aim to help parents and children feel comfortable in the setting and to ensure that children can benefit from what the group has to offer and feel confident that their parents will return at the end of the session/day.

We recommend that a child attends a minimum of two sessions per week so as to benefit from the Montessori environment.