



Settling-in Policy

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Covid-19 adjustments to policy from June 2021

Home visits will only be offered if it is felt necessary in summer 2021.

Children and parents new to the setting will be offered a 'Stay and Play' session for an hour. Parents must sanitise their hands and wear a face covering while in the setting.

If other settling in sessions are required we will work with the parent to provide the opportunity.

More details will be provided as the situation evolves.

Little Fishes Pre-school aims to make all children feel happy and safe in the absence of their parent/carer and to part from them with confidence and security. We support each child as an individual with their own needs, and employ a tailored settling-in strategy for each child.

- Parents are encouraged to visit the pre-school for a stay-and-play session before admission.
- Home visits are offered to enable children to meet their keyworker on 'safe' territory prior to starting, to gather information from parents and discuss any parental concerns.
- Parents are asked to complete an 'All about me' book to support settling in.
- Flexible admission procedures and strategies are employed to assist settling in, for example, parents staying or shorter sessions.
- An individual plan with agreed strategies with parents is employed for children having prolonged difficulties settling. Staff work closely with parents to ensure that both parents and children are supported throughout this process however long it may take.
- Where applicable, if a child attends another setting as well as Little Fishes Pre-school, we will seek the parents' permission to liaise with the other setting about the child in order to ensure consistency for the child's well-being and development.



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Date policy adopted / reviewed June 2021

Signed on behalf of the management committee _____

Name and position of signatory Denise Smith, Chair

Policy review date June 2022

I have read and understood the policy:

Signature

Print Name:

Date:

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