



Settling in/Child Induction Policy

Bearhugs Nurseries Ltd. aims to work in partnership with parents/carers to settle their child into the group environment to ensure they feel safe, secure and comfortable with staff and their surroundings.

We aim to give consideration to the individual needs of children and families and give confidence to parents, enabling them to feel comfortable that the needs of their child will be met.

- Information will be provided to parents through a variety of media, including the setting brochure, parent notice board, policies and procedures, information sessions and individual meetings.
- Following enrolment, children and parents/carers will be invited to visit for settling sessions.
- A key person will be allocated to each child and the family prior to the child starting at the setting, (or after a period of the child settling in, depending on what meets the needs of the individual child).
- The settling sessions will be used to introduce the possible key persons, complete registration forms and introduce the child and parents/carers to the policies/procedures of the setting.
- Parents will be invited to join their child for a short settling session and then leave children for short settling sessions.
- On the first session children will be introduced to staff members, to other children and shown around the rooms in the setting.
- Parents will be encouraged to say goodbye to their child, if the child and parent feel comfortable with this, and explain that they will be coming back at the end of the session.
- Children will be comforted and distracted if they become distressed.
- Regular discussions will take place with parents around their child's progress and how their child is settling in, these will be based on relationships and peers, participation in activities, familiarity with routines and the whereabouts of resources and equipment.

Bearhugs Nurseries Ltd. recognises that some children settle more easily than others and strives to recognise and meet the needs of all the children and families.

Signed on behalf of Bearhugs Nurseries Ltd by:

Manager/Owner

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