



Hulme Hall Pre-School

Settling In Policy

Hulme Hall Pre-School aims to provide each child and their parent/carer with a happy and confident start to their time within our provision. It takes time for anyone to adjust to new surroundings and children are no exception to this.

As parents, you will have a very clear idea of what you want for your child. We see ourselves as an extension of the network that you put in place to nurture your child's development.

We want our children to feel safe and happy in the absence of their parents, and to be able to share with their parents the new learning experiences enjoyed at school.

In order to do this we will:

- Provide each child with their own time to settle and work effectively with parents/carers to ensure that a child settles in such a way that they are relaxed and assured by their new environment.
- Key People will be on hand to encourage your child to become familiar with their new setting.
- Parents/Carers are encouraged to bring children along to settling in sessions where both child and parent/carer can spend time together playing with a variety of resources and equipment available within our setting. Slowly and when comfortable parents/carers can step back and allow their child to explore independently.
- Children will be allocated a Key Person who will liaise with parents/carers regarding any settling in concerns or issues they may have. Remember all children are individual and one child may take a considerably longer time to settle than another.
- The Key Person will use their extensive knowledge and years of experience in settling in children, making them feel welcomed and valued and most of all have fun whilst learning in a safe and secure environment.

Children cannot play and learn successfully if they are anxious or unhappy. Our settling in procedures aim to help children and parents feel comfortable in our setting and to benefit from what it has to offer.

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