

# Seedlings Kindergarten

## Settling In Policy

At Seedlings we understand that it can sometimes be difficult for parents to leave their child in a new setting if a child is resistant to being left. We will therefore work with you to ensure your child is settled and that you are happy with the care that we are to provide.

An initial introductory meeting between the kindergarten teacher, parent and child will provide the opportunity to share information about your child and to give the opportunity to start to build a relationship with you and your child and to understand both your needs and wishes.

Once your child has had a successful trial day further information will be requested on the 'Initial Child Profile' form, beginning with the pregnancy and birth and looking at your child's development to date. It is also helpful to hear about your child's likes and dislikes, routines, favourite activities, how to comfort them if they become upset etc. All these things help to build a picture of your child that enables the teachers to support them during the settling in process and beyond.

When necessary, parents are encouraged to stay with their child for one or two sessions initially, leaving them for short periods of time, until the child is used to the new environment. Some children take longer than others to settle in, whereas some children may settle in quickly initially, and then become distressed later on.

We will work with you to support your child through this transition period to make it as easy as possible. It is important that your child is relaxed and happy in the group and that you are happy with the care that we provide.

