

SETTLING IN AT PENNIES

Starting nursery is a big change for both parents and children and at Pennies we are well aware of the anxieties that may come with this. Our aim is, through settling in sessions, we supply you with the reassurance that your little one will be okay.

We offer three settling in visits at our nurseries and also offer a home visit, if you wish.

FIRST SETTLING IN SESSION

Your first initial settling in session will be with yourself, your child and your child's nominated key person.

Your key person would have set time aside so she can be with you and your child for the duration of the visit. You will meet the other team members as well. All staff will play a key role in your child's day and it is important that they get to know one another too.

Your key person will spend this time playing, interacting and finding out as much information about your child, so she can make the transition to nursery as smooth as possible.

You will also be asked to complete and authorisation booklet, dietary information and a general information form.

THIRD SETTLING IN SESSION

Like the previous visit, you will leave your child with the key person. They will enjoy a fun filled hour getting to know their peers and making relationships with the other key members of staff in your child's room.

After each settling in visit, the staff will give you a truthful report of how your child was and what they participated in.

We understand that sometimes not all children settle in to the nursery as quickly as we might hope, however, we believe if we all have a positive attitude towards this transition and work as a partnership, we will have them settled in no time.

SECOND SETTLING IN SESSION

You will be asked to drop your child to their room and to leave them with us for an extended play. Your key person would have planned for the visit, she would have made sure she had taken into account your child's interests and incorporated them in the hour session.

If you wish, you can stay for part of the visit, but we do recommend that you leave your child, so the key person can build a positive relationship with your child.

HOME VISIT

A home visit is a lovely opportunity for your child's key person and a member of the management team, to visit the child in their home. It supports the nursery visits by continuing to build the relations between the key person, parents and most importantly, the child.

Whether you choose the home visit to be the initial settling in sessions, the last or in your child's first couple of weeks, it helps to build and secure attachments.

When you choose Pennies we embrace your whole family. We will include you on everything we do and see you as partners. Information sharing is key for your child's development and wellbeing and links from home can only make the transition into nursery life smoother.

