

Settling In Procedure

At Daisy Chain we work in close partnership with our families, we want parents to have confidence in their child's wellbeing and our aim is to create a secure relationship with the parent's and child so both feel comfortable.

We understand that it can be a daunting thought leaving your child somewhere new for the first time. We want you and your child to feel secure and comfortable with the setting and the staff, therefore we aim to make the setting a welcoming place where children settle quickly and easily.

Before your child starts at Daisy Chain you are given a parent pack, this will include an "All about me" form, once completed this form is then passed onto your child's key worker so they are able to familiarise themselves with your child's likes/dislikes as well as favourite toys and activities they enjoy before they start with us.

We would also encourage you to take a look at our website as this includes details of how each day runs, staff photos and a virtual tour of the setting which you could show to your child before their first day. You will also be able to view our settings policies, to find out more please go to www.daisychainpreschool.net

On your child's first day we ask that you drop your child off at the door, saying goodbye and that you will be back to collect them later. Your child will be greeted by their keyworker who will provide reassurance and help your child to become familiar with the setting which will make them start to feel safe within it.

Key benefits for a child having doorstep drop off include:

- Feeling calmer and more relaxed
- Less confused e.g. no uncertainty over how long parents are staying
- Clear understanding between home and pre-school: crossing over the threshold
- Feel safe, secure and confident

- Enjoy the opportunity to be more independent

By dropping off at the door we have found children to be less anxious and the settling in to be smoother, the children make strong bonds with their key worker, they arrive more relaxed and ready to learn and play.

Some children can take longer to settle and we are mindful of this, if your child is very distressed and struggling on their first day you will be contacted. If this is the case with your child, in order to help moving forward, we do ask parents/carers to continue to bring their child to pre-school on their allocated days. Having breaks within the settling in period disrupts the process and sends conflicting messages to the child which could make them feel insecure. By continuing to bring your child it gives them the opportunity to build a bond with their key worker which will eventually lead your child to fully settle.

We look forward to welcoming your child at Daisy Chain.

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