



Settling in at Pre-School Policy

Our aim is to ensure that children feel safe and happy in the absence of their parents, to recognize other adults as a source of authority, help and friendship, and to share their new learning experiences with their parents after the Pre-School session.

In order to achieve this we will:

- Invite and encourage parents to visit the Pre-School with their children before the date of admission.
- Stagger admission dates by admitting children as they reach the age of 2 years rather than having set dates in the term for the admission of new children.
- Reassure parents whose children seem to be taking a long time to settle into Pre-School and welcome them to stay as long as is necessary, encouraging them to separate from their children for brief periods and gradually building up to longer absences.
- Encourage Parents to inform the Pre-School of any relevant changes in family circumstances so as to ease any disruption to the child.
- Children cannot play or learn successfully if they are anxious or unhappy and we want children to enjoy Pre-School and benefit from what it has to offer. Similarly we want parents to feel comfortable about leaving their child. For this reason we work with the parents to ensure that the child is confident that their parent will return at the end of the session.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Trustees held on

and was checked and re-affirmed on

Signed on behalf of The Little Pennies Pre-School

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