

Settling in Policy

At Harvey Bears Nursery and Preschool we believe that a gentle introduction allows children and their families to become familiar with the environment.

We believe that settling in should be very much child and family led.

We encourage a trial visit, for a short time, in which parents/carers and staff can assess how the child will settle. The parents/carers will be asked if they want to leave for a short time or stay' This trial visit can be repeated.

We will support parents/carers if the settling in period seems to be taking a long time, offering ideas and support.

We allocate each child a keyworker. This member of staff will support the child in transition and become a familiar face for the child and family. The keyworker will be the main contact between Harvey Bears and home. They will work alongside the family and welcome them as part of the Harvey Bears family. The keyworker will work with the child in the setting, observing their progress and becoming aware of the child's interests. They will complete end of year assessments and if necessary 2 year checks.