

# Settling In Policy



Burton Pre-School  
Playgroup

Burton Pre-School Playgroup want children to feel safe and happy in the absence of their parents, to recognise other adults as a source of authority, help and friendship and to be able to share with their parents the learning experiences they have enjoyed within the playgroup.

In order to accomplish this we will :

- Encourage parents to visit playgroup with their children during the weeks before an admission is planned.
- Agree with parents how we will introduce and settle a child into the group.
- Introduce flexible admission procedures, if appropriate, to meet the needs of individual families and children.
- Make clear to families from the outset that they will be supported in the playgroup for as long as it takes to settle their child there.
- Reassure parents whose children seem to be taking a long time settling into the playgroup.
- Encourage parents, where appropriate, to separate from their child for brief periods at first, gradually building up to longer absences.

**Children cannot play or learn successfully if they are anxious or unhappy. Our settling in procedures aim to help parents to help their child to feel comfortable in playgroup, to benefit from what we have to offer, and to be confident and their parents will return at the end of the session.**