

Stoneydelph Primary School

Stoney Tots Daycare

Settling in policy: guidance for parents



Our aims

- To work closely with parents and carers.
- To support your child move from home, family and familiar people into a new community within nursery.
- To help children feel safe, secure and confident in the nursery setting by forming a trusting attachment with their key person.

Helping your child settle in

Welcome to Stoney Tots Daycare. We hope that you get to know us well and that you and your child have a happy and successful time with us.

Children settle into nursery settings in very different ways; some may be confident from the outset, whilst others are a little more anxious and experience difficulties in separating from their parent/carer. Please be assured this is a normal part of a child's development. We understand that this may be a worrying experience for a parent however by working closely with you and using our experience of working with younger children, we help your child settle quickly and become confident in their new setting.

An essential part of the settling in process is the information that you provide and share with the daycare staff. This information provides the staff with a child's individual needs (likes, dislikes, special comforts etc) which may help make them feel more settled and secure. You will find within the welcome pack forms that give you the opportunity to tell us about your child. In addition to this, you will have a meeting with the Daycare Manager in order to get to know you and your child better. If you would like to have a home visit made by the Daycare Manager please let us know.

The settling in period

The settling in period is the time when you and your child together visit daycare. This gives you and your child opportunity to meet with your child's key person and become familiar with the setting.

It is important to note that we require you as a parent/carer to help your child settle into daycare.

As your child settles and develops a relationship with their key person they will come to trust that:

- Their key person and other staff will be caring and meet their needs.
- Staff will deal positively with any problems they may have.
- They will have positive and stimulating experiences in daycare that will make them want to come back.

The settling in process also allows you as a parent/carer to assess:

- What learning experiences we provide for children
- How staff play and interact with the children having fun whilst learning.