



Settling in Policy

At Pegwell Bay Nursery, we work closely with parents and carers to support each child's smooth transition into the nursery environment. When a child joins, we arrange two initial settling-in sessions to help them become familiar with the setting. Should your child need additional sessions before starting fully, we are happy to accommodate this.

During the first visit, a parent or carer is required to stay on the nursery premises. For subsequent visits, parents are encouraged to leave to help their child become more independent. We recognize that every child is unique and will need different amounts of time to settle, so parents will never be asked to leave until they feel confident and comfortable that their child is settling well.

If your child uses a comforter, this is welcomed to help them feel secure during settling. Our aim is for both you and your child to feel at ease and supported, creating a warm, homely atmosphere. During the initial sessions, parents may collect their child early if they wish.

In line with current public health advice, we may need to limit visitors to the setting to ensure everyone's safety. We understand this can be challenging when settling a new child, so we allow parents to settle their child while respectfully following our safety policies. We will keep parents updated with any changes to these guidelines.

Throughout the settling period, staff will maintain regular communication with parents, sharing updates and addressing any concerns. We are committed to tailoring the settling-in process to meet each child's individual needs, ensuring they feel safe, happy, and supported.