

Severn Beach Preschool Settling at Preschool - Policy and Practice

At Severn Beach Preschool we want children to feel happy and secure in the absence of their carers. We want carers to feel confident with what the group has to offer and to feel secure in the knowledge that their child is being cared for in a happy and safe environment. We want to encourage children and their carers to recognise the members of the group as a source of friendship and help.

- The preschool will encourage carers to visit the setting with their child during the weeks prior to the starting date of their child. These visits must be booked in advance and will be from either 9.30am to 10.30am or 1pm to 2.30pm
- No payment will be required for these weekly visits. If carers wish to visit more frequently the preschool reserves the right to ask for payment for the extra visits.
- The preschool will be flexible as far as possible about admission procedures to meet the needs of the children and their carers.
- The preschool will support both the child and their carers for as long as it takes for the child to settle into the setting.
- The preschool will suggest strategies to help children settle into the group if the child is having difficulty in separating from the carer.

At Severn Beach Preschool we understand that children cannot play and learn if they are anxious or unhappy. The procedures in this policy are to help both children and carers to feel comfortable in the group, to benefit from what the group has to offer and for children to feel confident that their carer will return at the end of the session.