

## **SETTLING IN POLICY (updated July 2022)**

We recognise that for many children and families, starting at Pre-School is a big step in their lives. We seek to best understand you and your child's individual needs as much as we can, to help us work with you to make the process as smooth and positive as possible.

### **Home visit**

To do this we will offer a home visit, where your child's Keyworker and the Setting Manager will come and see you for around 15 minutes. This helps us to get to know each other and make good first links. We bring some toys with us and will usually go through some paperwork.

### **Play session**

You are then invited to attend a play session with your child, so that you can both get to know the setting and staff. This helps to build familiarity and confidence, and for you to spend more time with your Keyworker.

### **First day**

On your child's start day, please bring them in and spend time settling them to play. Each child is different, and some take longer to settle than others. At Little Acorns Pre-School we work with the parents/carers to decide on the best settling in procedure for each child.

### **What to bring**

- Clothes and shoes that are comfortable and suitable for playing/climbing in that you don't mind getting messy (preferably not laces, flip-flops or long dresses). We use aprons, but paint sometimes still ends up getting onto clothing.
- A pair of named wellies that we can keep here.
- Named waterproof (rather than 'showerproof') all-in-ones or separate coat and trousers.
- Named packed lunch and water bottle. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS.**
- Spare clothes.
- Nappies and wipes if applicable.
- PE kit (Ready for School only). Plimsolls or trainers, T-shirt and shorts-all named.

*NB: We do have spare wellies and waterproofs. **Please remember to empty your child's tray at the end of each day, and if their name is highlighted please see a member of staff before you leave.***