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## SETTLING IN CHILDREN

Parents who book a place in advance of their start date at nursery will be contacted approximately 4 weeks before their child is due to start to confirm their start date and to arrange visits to the nursery.

Any number of visits may be arranged depending on the age of the child and the wishes of the parents. Initially, a mutually agreed time will be arranged for the parent to bring the child to the nursery and stay with them so that their welfare can be discussed in some depth with the nursery nurse in charge of the section. This may vary from an hour to half a day and may include lunch if the parent wishes.

The parent may return for any number of pre-arranged visits and may stay with the child during the whole of the visit or may leave them for part of the time.

If the child is left at nursery we encourage the parent to tell the child they are leaving and to emphasize that they will be returning soon. We also encourage parents to telephone nursery for their own peace of mind. The nursery staff will always give a clear picture of their child's behaviour in their absence and if the child is distressed we will suggest that the parent collects the child a little earlier than arranged.

Senior staff will be available to discuss the child's progress and any worries or concerns the parents may have. In addition the child will be allocated a key worker, in their section, to which they can relate and with whom parents may discuss their child's progress.

Family circumstances may prohibit the arranging of visits prior to the child starting nursery. In this case we would ask parents to allow plenty of time on the child's first day in nursery so that the parent does not have to "dash off". The parent will be encouraged to stay with their child as long as they think it is necessary. It is quite common for new children to prefer to watch from their mother's side. Again when the time comes for the parent to leave, we would encourage them to tell the child that they are leaving and explain that they will be back soon.