

Settling at SCCN

At Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery we believe that children will be happy and learn when they have formed positive attachments and relationships with the staff at nursery. We know from the Leuven scales that when a child demonstrates high well-being they thrive in their learning environment, and we wish to support all children with this.

Young children can find transitions into new settings quite a daunting experience. There are new adults, new children, a new environment, new routines and new expectations.

To make this transition as smooth as possible there are many things we do to support the children and their families:

- **Key Person** - Each child is assigned a key person who will spend time supporting your child throughout their time at SCCN as well as being your first point of contact if you have any questions.
- **Discussions with previous settings** – A teacher will communicate with each child's previous setting. This will involve a discussion with your child's current key person to share information to support transitions.
- **Supporting Your Child's Transition** – Google Form – Each family is requested to complete this form prior to their child starting to inform us of key information. If you don't have access to the internet we have paper copies.
- **Chat and Play Session** – Each child will receive a 'Chat and Play' opportunity before they start at nursery. This gives the chance to meet the team and share additional information. It also supports your child with their transition as they will have a familiar face, and recognise the environment when they start at nursery.
- **Leaving your child** – When the time comes for you to leave your child at nursery, please make sure they know you are leaving and don't worry if they get upset or sad, this is quite normal. If they see that you are upset they will be too! If your child cannot be comforted by their key person, we will ask you to come back to nursery. We will extend the time they stay for as and when they are ready.
- **Settling session** – The first session will be limited to **1 hour**. This will support your child with settling into a new environment on their own.

Every child is an individual, so will respond differently while settling in. It is important that we take each child's needs into consideration during this period to ensure the smoothest transition possible. There isn't a set schedule for all, but it's important to work with your child's key person/class teacher to discover how best to settle your child.

Please speak to your child's key person, or a teacher, if you have any questions regarding their settling at Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery