



Sallywags Child Care Centre



Settling in: - Policy and Practice

Children cannot play or learn successfully if they are anxious or unhappy.

We want the children to feel safe and happy in the absence of their parents, to recognise other adults as a source of authority, help and friendship and to be able to share with their parents, the new learning experiences enjoyed at Sallywags.

In order to accomplish this, we will:

- Encourage parents to visit Sallywags with their child during the weeks before an admission are planned. Ensure that room leaders and Key person are familiar with the child's details before visiting.
- Introduce flexible starting procedures, if appropriate, to meet the needs of individual families and children.
- Support families for as long as it takes to settle their child.
- Reassure parents of children settling into the Child Care Centre.
- Encourage parents, where appropriate, to separate from their children for brief periods at first, gradually building up for longer absences.