

**Stay and Play in June**

Unfortunately this visit is no longer able to go ahead due to Government Guidelines surrounding Covid-19. We can’t wait to meet you and your little one and we will rearrange the stay-and-play visits for September before your child’s first day at Nursery. We will provide more information on this in the near future.

**Stay and Play Sessions**

**How long should you stay?**

We encourage you to come in and play with your child for the full hour session that you will sign up for.

**What should you bring?**

All of the completed transition forms.

Birth certificate

A picture of your family (with names of the people and their relationship to the child on the back).

Four passport photographs (If you haven’t already dropped these off at school).

**Your child’s First Day**

We encourage you to come in and play with your child for a short period at the start of the session. This typically lasts up to 10-15 mins for the first few days. However, if your child needs extra ‘settling in’ time, staff will help you with this.

**What should you do when you first arrive?**

Help your child to find their named coat peg and encourage them to hang up their own coat and bag.

Support your child in changing into their sandshoes before placing their other shoes neatly under their peg.

Help your child to find his/her name card and put it on the name board inside the Nursery.

If your child wants to play, join in at first and talk to the other children with your child.

**Most importantly don’t worry**

Our Nursery staff have experienced the settling in process with many children and have comforted many parents as well as children! Remember, we are here to support you and your child at this important time so talk to us if you have any concerns, however small.

Once your child has settled at an activity step back, before letting them know that you are going to be out of the room but will be back soon.

If your child does not accept, wait a little while longer and then try again.

There will be tea and coffee available for you in the adjacent mobile. This will allow you time to chat with some of the other parents whilst your child stays in Nursery on their own.

**This process may take longer than one session, but will work in the end!**

**What should you expect?**

Your child may not want to take part in any activities at first, especially singing and circle time.

Please don’t worry it takes children time to do these things with new people.

Some children settle quite quickly for the first two weeks but then seem to need more reassurance and you may need to repeat the settling in process.

 **Passport Photographs**

We normally ask you to bring four passport photographs to the stay-and-play in June. We use these photos to make your child’s self-registration cards ready for September. As the June stay-and-play session is not happening, we would be very grateful if you could send four passport photos into school with your child’s name on before the Friday 17th July so we can prepare these for September. Thank you.