

BRANSTON PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE

NEW STARTERS POLICY

As your the child is learning to cope with a new social environment, experience has shown us that even the most socially active child becomes tired, possibly irritable or upset before the end of the session. It is important that a child starting Pre-School has the best possible introduction to this very different environment. With this in mind, Branston Pre-School has a policy for new starters, which helps them settle down and secures their maximum enjoyment and benefit from Pre-School.

The minimum number of sessions for any child is two.

Settling in - your child's keyworker's will introduce your child to the setting and support them during the settling in process. They will feed back to you on your child's initial experiences on joining the Pre-School and will work with you to make this transition smooth and help your child to feel safe and secure

A child who is tense or unhappy will not be able to play or learn properly, so it is important for parents and Pre-School staff to work together to help the child to feel confident and secure in the group. This takes longer for some children than for others and parents should not feel worried if their child takes a while to settle. The Pre-school's policy on settling in is available on request.

What to wear

In order to feel free to explore and experiment with all kinds of materials, including messy ones, it is best to send children dressed in clothes, which are easily washable or not too new. Polo shirts and sweatshirts embroidered with the Pre-School name and logo are available for purchase.

It is good for children to practice the skills, which will make them independent. Simple clothing, which they can handle themselves, will enable them to go to the toilet when they want to and to put on and take off their outdoor clothes without being too dependent on other people's help. If a child is not fully toilet trained we will remind children to go to the toilet. We will be supportive to families and children alike in this area to ensure consistency between home and the setting.

As we encourage outdoor activities and go for regular walks, children need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear with them. E.g. Coats, Wellingtons, sun hats etc.

We hope that your child's time in Pre-School will very happy and productive one.

If you have any queries or if we can be of any help, please contact the staff or committee at any time.