



ABBOTTS ANN NURSERY SCHOOL

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Settling in during Coronavirus

Starting nursery school or changing nursery school can be a strange and scary time for both children and parents, it can also be exciting. Every family and every child are different as such their needs will be different. We would like to enable our families to settle in gently and move at a pace that is best for their child.

With current restrictions we continue to be unable to permit parents in to setting. We would however like to offer our families a virtual hello meeting, a garden/outdoor based home visit in addition to 'Stay and Play' sessions for your child in the build up to their start date. This will provide them with invaluable time to get to know their keyperson, their new friends and to explore their new environment.

Virtual Hello Meeting

For a Virtual Hello Meeting we will use Teams to hold a meeting between our Manager, your proposed Key-Person and yourselves. This will enable us all to say hello, have an informal chat and for you and your child(dren) to see our faces. We anticipate this meeting lasting between 20-30 minutes.

Garden/Outdoor based Home-Visit

We would love to offer an outdoor based Home-Visit to each family where we can meet in person, say hello and have a little play. We will be abiding by social distancing guidelines and will stay 2 metres apart or 1m+ as far as possible. We will happily wear masks should we wish us to (please do not be afraid to request this) and we will use hand gel before and after our visit with you. And whilst we would absolutely love to accept any kind offers of tea and cake, we will (very) regrettably have to decline for now. We anticipate these visits lasting 30-45 minutes.

Stay and Play Sessions

Stay and play sessions are 30 minutes long and will increase in 15 minute increments up to an hour. We would like to offer each family 4 sessions before their child's start date with no charge. Once your child starts with us on their agreed start date you may wish to continue with reduced hours; in this scenario we would provide you with a settling in plan and diary, and you would be invoiced for the agreed hours during this time before being invoiced your booked hours thereafter. Please note parents are unable to come in the setting with their child and will need to drop off and collect at our door.

It is really important to build the trust of children and maintain it. The most reassuring thing you can do for your child is wear a smile when coming to nursery and keep them informed.

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Settling in provision and stages	
All Families	
Virtual Hello Meeting	An informal meeting with the manager, your proposed Key-Person and yourselves. 20-30 minutes.
Garden/Outdoor based Home-Visit	The manager and your Key-Person will visit you and your child in your garden/agreed outdoor space. Social distancing guidance will be adhered to. 30-45 minutes.
Stay and Play Sessions	4 sessions (child only): 1. 30mins 2. 30mins 3. 45mins 4. 60mins
Start Date	Your child's first day at nursery ☺
Settling in plan (if required)	Your key-person and you will discuss a suitable settling in plan. Every child is different and therefore each plan will look different. We would anticipate a plan being implemented for up to 6 weeks, though this could be less or more weeks.

Please remember we want to support your child and you as best we can to ensure your child has a happy and fulfilling time at Abbots Ann Nursery School, if you have any questions at any stage please do speak with us.

We will be monitoring our settling in process alongside updated guidance as and when it is published, and will adapt our practice and offer where necessary.

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