

Copp Cadets Pre-School

Settling In Policy

Settling into any new setting is of crucial importance to a child's later happiness in the setting. All children are individuals and while some children will adjust fairly easily to the new environment and new routines, others will take longer to feel comfortable and secure. As parents and teachers, we can take steps to ensure that the transition into Copp Cadets goes as smoothly as possible. Children who have a positive start to their new environment are more likely to feel comfortable, relaxed and valued, feel good about themselves as learners and have a sense of belonging to the Copp family.

- Before a child starts to attend Copp Cadets Pre-School, we use a variety of ways to provide the child's parents/carers with information. These include our **pre-school information booklet** and an invitation to **visit** and have a look round our lovely setting.
- There will be an **initial meeting** to discuss your child and talk about how we can make the settling in period as stress-free, relaxed and positive as possible. At this meeting parents are provided with a 'All About Me!' page to discuss and write down information regarding their child's likes, dislikes, needs etc.
- We will arrange **home visits** to visit you and your child prior to them starting. It's a wonderful opportunity to talk and play in a place where they will feel most comfortable. This is a hugely beneficial part of settling in period as it enables the child and key worker to form a positive relationship and get to know each other better.
- There will be an opportunity to **attend part or whole** of a session with your child before starting at Copp.
- Your child is allocated a **Key Worker** before your child begins Copp Cadets Pre-School.
- **Other introductory visits** can be arranged with the family to enable the child to become more familiar with the setting and practitioners while having the support of their parent /carer who stays with them.
- At pick up time, we will always pass on information about your child's day. We will share the learning and experiences they have had on the online journal 'Tapestry'. This will also provide a wonderful communication tool where we can message you privately or you can message us. Then within a few weeks of them being in pre-school we will arrange a time for us to meet more formally and discuss how things are going.