

Settling-In at The Villa

The first few days at Nursery can be an emotional time and settling children in is one of our major priorities. Start dates are staggered to enable all new children to have individual attention from their key worker. Session times for their first three days are shorter to allow children to ease gently into their new environment. Settling-in days take place on the days that a child will actually be here long term. For example, if a child is here on a Monday and Tuesday each week, he or she will settle-in on a Monday and Tuesday in the first week and Monday of the following week. The start date you have been given is day one of the settling-in period. Settling-in days are charged at the full (9am-4pm) rate despite being shorter days so that our staff can provide every child with a smooth transition to The Villa.

For the first two days, we ask that parents stay in the room with their child (or on site). We will try and use the gardens as much as possible and the hours of attendance are as follows:

Day One: 9.30am – 11.30am

Day Two: 9.30am – 12.30pm (includes lunch)

We are currently encouraging parents to leave the premises if they wish to do so, and if your child seems content. However please stay locally and contactable in case you need to return to Nursery.

Day Three: 9.30am – 3.00pm

On the third day, if your child is settling well, you will leave the Nursery but again must be contactable and able to return if asked.

We are currently asking parents not to bring in special toys or comforters, following recent Government guidance during these Covid-19 times.

What to bring to Nursery

We will provide your child with a bag to keep their possessions in whilst at The Villa but we ask that all **clothing that is likely to come off during the course of the day is clearly named.**

Please bring with you:

- Nappies and wipes
- Any specific creams that you would like to be used (e.g. Sudocrem). Please label any containers.
We provide Nivea factor 50 sun cream on sunny days.
- A spare set of clothes (including socks and vest, and a sun hat in the summer)

Older children who are no longer wearing nappies should bring in spare underwear and socks and be dressed appropriately so that they may go to the toilet easily (no dungarees or body vests please).

Please ensure that your child has a looped hanger on coats/jackets and hats so that they can be easily hung on their peg.

During the course of the day at nursery children may be playing with glue, paint, sand and water. Please don't bring your child to nursery in their best clothes as they are likely to get dirty. Children should have footwear appropriate for running, climbing and playing outside. Please do not send your child to nursery wearing open-toed sandals or sling-back shoes.

We provide fresh drinking water throughout the day so there is no need to bring a water bottle.