



SETTLING INTO KINDERGARTEN

POLICY STATEMENT

To assist all children as they settle into kindergarten, sessions during the first week will be staggered. This allows children the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the kindergarten routines, environment, other children and staff. Please remember that although the kindergarten room looks small to an adult, it is very big to a 3 or 4 year old.

The sessions during the first month will be shorter during this transition period. Full sessions will become available during the second month.

If our staggered sessions are an issue for your family please speak to your child's teacher.

Our 3 year old program welcomes parents/guardians, family members and volunteers to assist as "helpers" to the teachers during this transition period. We aim to have one parent (family member, guardian or volunteer) per session during the first month of first term.

Once your child has settled and you have said goodbye, you are right to leave. Having too many adults in the room can be counterproductive to the settling process and very confusing for the children. If your child does experience separation anxiety, please don't hesitate to ask the teachers for support. They will be able to guide you through this process and advise you upon the best time to go. Please be reassured that most children do settle quickly and we would always call you back if your child was too distressed to stay for the entire session.

AUTHORISATION

This policy was adopted by the Approved Provider of Bellevue Kindergarten on 10 March 2020.

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