



At Southlands we place nurture of the children at the centre and want your child to settle at nursery as quickly as possible. We assess every child individually prior to starting with us and consider the following points:

- ★ The child's previous experience from parting from their parent/carer
- ★ Social experiences the child may or may not have had with regards to other children
- ★ Age and stage of emotional/social development of the child
- ★ After the above has been considered the length of the visiting periods will be assessed i.e. babies to have concentrated visits in a short time span
- ★ Our aim is to have a smooth transition into the nursery environment. We would suggest that visits commence at least 1 month prior to starting dates for all children.
- ★ Initial visits of parent/carer to remain with their child until both parent/carer and key worker are confident the child is ready to be left

All visits will be free of charge until the key worker and parents are confident the child is ready to attend a full session. We offer home visits for those parents who would like one. Please speak to a member of staff if you wish to arrange a visit.

During induction visits your child will be assigned a key worker who will discuss all aspects of your child and his/her needs with you. The key worker system ensures a two way flow of information through continuous communication and trust built between the child and key worker.

You will be given a 'child CV' to complete to enable us to gain further understanding of your child to ensure that she/he fully enjoys their time at nursery.