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## Settling in Policy

As a parent myself, I understand how difficult it is for parents to leave their child with a childminder. It is important that your child has settled and that you are happy with the care that I provide. Settling in sessions for a child gives us all an opportunity to get to know each other slowly. It gives you the chance to provide me with lots of information about your child, their likes and dislikes, routines, favourite activities, how to comfort them if they become upset and how they have reacted when left before.

Due to all of the changes around covid, we no longer allow parents in during settling in. I appreciate that some children will take longer to settle than others, whilst others settle quickly then can become upset a few weeks into the placement.

I will work with you to support your child through this transition period and make it as easy as possible.

It is important that you and your child are relaxed and happy with the care that I provide in my home.

I am happy for parents to contact me during the day to find out how their child is. Please do not be concerned if I do not answer your call/message as I may be changing a nappy or otherwise engaged with a child. I will return your call/message as soon as I am able to.

We will also try to send one or two pictures of our day through WhatsApp messenger.

Depending on your child's start date, there may only be two weeks where a settling in period is possible; In which case, we will work towards completing weeks 1 & 2 below.

If your child is starting in over a month, only four weeks settling period is necessary and we will ask if possible for weeks 1-4 below to be completed.

Week 1) Arts & Crafts @ Bonding School 11.00-11.30am on a Tuesday.

Week 2) Baking & Lunch @ Bonding School 11.30-12.45pm on a Tuesday.

Week 3) Baking, Lunch, Toilet Change & Naptime @ Bonding School 11am-3pm.

Week 4) Semi-Full Day) @ Bonding School 8am-3pm Breakfast, Free Play, Garden Play, Arts & Crafts, Baking, Lunchtime, Nap.

There is a charge of £104.00 that should be paid before your settling in period starts.

**Managers Signature:** Teamara Adams

**Date:** 01/05/2021

**Parent/Carers Signature:**

**Date:**



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