

Kindergarten

Drop offs in the mornings

Do's and Don'ts



- ✓ Do put the most experienced staff, who the children know and recognise at the front
- ✓ Do take the children from the parents so that they feel they are 'handing-over' the children to someone
- ✓ Do say good morning and welcome the parents and children by name
- ✓ Do remind the children of the routine (shoes, off lets go inside)
- ✓ Do try to be flexible and provide some alternatives – especially to children who are upset or uneasy coming in
- ✓ Do make sure that there is enough going on for the children to join in with
- ✓ Do come and help if you see there are lots of children arriving
- ✓ Do be VERY positive with the children and parents
- ✓ Do recognise to parents and children that its hard when Daddy (or mummy) leave in the mornings (Its always hard when our daddies leave)
- ✓ Do think about dispersing children around the site if other adults are already in other spaces. "Would you like to come and help Nick in the Language Lab?" "Would you like to come upstairs and be with Cynel "... Cynel can always have a handful of children upstairs, especially if there are children finding it hard to settle – its much quieter up there.
- ✓ Do make sure that garden is exciting and inviting
- ✓ Do check on the parents if they are taking too long with removing shoes etc.. "Come on, its time to say goodbye to daddy..."
- ✓ Do take the children from the parents at the white gate, if that feels OK. Parents do not have to enter
- ✓ Do spot of parents look or seem worried, and take action to reassure them "He's with me now, I've got him... you can go"
- ✗ Don't huddle inside, and leave too few staff outside
- ✗ Don't just sit and hug children, do get them involved in an activity, especially things that they are interested in
- ✗ Don't make false promises to the children (Daddy will be back in a minute)