



## Stay and play guidelines

As part of our 'focus child' system of observing and assessing the children, we invite a parent/carer to come in the week after your child has had their focus week for a 'stay and play'. Stay and play sessions always run on a Wednesday morning from 9am to 9.25am, with the adult just staying in Nursery after drop off. We ask that only one adult stays per child please. You will be informed of your stay and play date soon before your child's focus week.

Here are a few guidelines we have to share with you before you come - **if a relative comes in your place, please ensure they read this.**

It is difficult to predict how your own child will respond to you being in the nursery. Please do not worry if your child behaves differently with you being there. Most children settle down quickly, and we will do all we can to help make it a positive experience for you both.

We encourage all the children to be independent in nursery, and to try and do things for themselves. This is a chance for your child to 'show off' to you just how much they can do on their own in nursery - so prepare to be impressed!

All children are different, and every child has something they are working on. It is possible you may notice a child who is struggling to follow the nursery rules, or has some other additional need. It is **vital** that you do not share anything about specific children with other parents and carers - no parent wants to hear their child discussed in the playground. Also please do not talk to individual parents about their child following a stay and play visit - it is the responsibility of the nursery staff to discuss any concerns with individual parents.

For safeguarding reasons, please do not enter the toilet area - if there is a toileting issue with your own child that you would like to support them with, then please speak to the staff who can clear the bathrooms to allow you to do so.

Please do not lift, carry or move a child in any way.

Our classrooms are a 'no phone zone'. So please keep your phones away throughout the visit. Staff are happy to take a picture of you and your child at your visit and send this special memory to you via seesaw.

We hope you enjoy your visit and are looking forward to welcoming you!

The Nursery Team