

# Wanborough Playgroup

Registered Charity Number 1026150



## SETTLING YOUR CHILD AT PLAYGROUP

For many children Playgroup may be their first experience of separation from their parents and/ or their first experience in a more structured childcare environment. For many children, particularly those between the ages of 2 and 4 this may result in uncertainty during initial separation from their parents.

This may mean that some children are tearful or very unwilling to separate from their parents as they are dropped off. This is a normal and natural response and experience for many children- even children who have been used to separation from their parents. It is a natural part of your child's development. Your child's time at playgroup provides an excellent opportunity for skilled, experienced and caring staff to support you and your child through these natural phases

In order to do this well the staff will need to work closely with you, as we recognise that you are the expert on your child. The settling in process is different for each child, and if difficulties arise then staff will liaise with you and devise a strategy in partnership.

### **EYFS key themes and commitments**

<b>A Unique Child</b>	<b>Positive Relationships</b>	<b>Enabling Environments</b>	<b>Learning and Development</b>
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child 3.3 The learning environment	4.4 Personal, social and emotional development

### **General Guidance to Parents**

Parents should ensure at drop off that a member of staff has been alerted to their child's distress or risk of distress

Parents should ensure that playgroup staff are aware of the 'normal' pattern of a child's separation distress, and the strategies that may help to reduce this

Parents are asked to seek advice from a member of staff on the nature and timing of separation. e.g. leave immediately; leave after registration

Parents can also ring at any time during the session to check on a child.

