



Edlesborough Under 5's

Under 3 Year Olds Policy

We endeavour to offer all children on our waiting list two sessions per week from the age of 2½ years old (with a view to their starting at that time and not awaiting the following term). Where places are available, and subject to having sufficient staffing ratios to support this, we are also able to accept a limited number of children to join pre-school before they reach 2½ years old.

We are mindful that all children develop at a different stage and that the activities and routines of pre-school are not always suited to children below the age of 3 years. We aim to successfully integrate our younger children in to pre-school in the following ways:

- By requesting that younger children visit pre-school at least once with their parents or carers before their due start date;
- By requesting that a parent or carer stays with a younger child at preschool during their first two weeks at pre-school if necessary;
- By assessing younger children in their early sessions and discussing with parents after each session how the child is settling in and any strategies that may help parents prepare children for pre-school; and
- By being flexible as to moving back start dates for any child and refunding any fees paid accordingly where a child has joined pre-school but the parents and staff feel they are not settling in and it would be better for the child to wait a few months before starting pre-school.

This policy was adopted at a committee meeting of Edlesborough Under 5s held on 18 January 2011 and reviewed and approved without amendment by the Committee on 31 January 2012.

Date to be reviewed: January 2013

Signed by Chair of Committee Rebecca Newbert

