



# ESF International Kindergarten - Wu Kai Sha

## Settling-in Procedure

Each child's needs differ greatly, what works for one ... may not work for another!!! Below are our guidelines for settling your child into our kindergarten.

Your child's class teacher will work closely with you regarding how to help your child, how to separate from him/her, and when it is appropriate for him/her to come to kindergarten independently.

### *Settling-in at Wu Kai Sha ...*

- ◆ A 'known' adult **MUST** accompany your child for the first few days (and as needed thereafter), and stay in kindergarten during the session.
- ◆ Initially, **NO** child should be sent on school buses **ALONE** -an accompanying adult is essential!
- ◆ Join in, play, sit and talk to your child when they join their classmates. If your child believes you think kindergarten is welcoming, fun and exciting, they will appreciate your 'seal of approval' and settle well.
- ◆ During 'play based learning time', guide your child to activities, so whilst in a one-to-one situation, they are shown the range of activities and how to access them.





- ◆ **NEVER** sneak out if your child looks 'happy and busy'. If then your child notices you are gone, the trauma will be much worse as they will feel abandoned.
- ◆ When advised to by your child's teacher, use our sofa or library area as a first opportunity to 'break away'. Here, read stories to **any** children who approach you. This stage allows your child to access other areas whilst safe in the knowledge you are still around. Again, make sure you tell your child where you will be!!
- ◆ As your child's relationship with the adults in their class group develops, their reliance on a familiar adult will lessen! Please do not be upset by this new-found independence though, instead, congratulate yourself on successfully settling your child into kindergarten!
- ◆ It is very important that kindergarten is associated with happy memories. On some occasions, if your child is very sleepy, or is getting tired and fractious, we may suggest that they leave a little earlier.
- ◆ Gradually, attendance for the whole session will be achieved happily.



## Welcome to our kindergarten 'family'



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