

Elephant and Castle Child Care Centre

COVID-19 Settling In Sessions

This policy and procedure is in place as a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19 disease and support our Operating Procedure further.

As our existing Settling In Policy informs, we want children to feel safe and happy in our setting. In addition, we also want parents/carers to have confidence in both their children's well-being and their role as active partners with us. This period we are experiencing gives us challenges that our sector finds very difficult and remote.

Settling in sessions can only take place when the decision has been made and agreed to attend the setting.

- Parent/Carer and child must be symptom free or have completed the required isolation period, should attend the nursery.
- Only one parent/carer is permitted into the setting.
- On arrival, we will be taking temperatures and risk assessing appeared health.
- The parent/carer must wear own provided face covering.
- If possible sessions should take place in the outside space. Where not possible parent/carer must remain in the quiet area in the nursery. One member of the team will accompany the family. The child is welcome to explore the nursery space fully.
- Sessions are restricted to the maximum of 30 minutes. Additional sessions can be planned and agreed.

This policy was adopted in August 2020 and will be reviewed and amended as necessary.