

**arrivals and departures**

Prime times of the day make the very best of routine opportunities to promote ‘tuning-in’ to the child emotionally and to create opportunities for learning. Arrivals and departures are key times in the day when children need support from their carer to make the transition smooth and happy; these times of day also pose a certain level of risk as parents and carers come and go. All staff are aware of the potential risks and take measures to minimise them.

**Arrivals**

* Whenever possible the key person will greet their key child. This ensures that young children are received into the setting by a familiar and trusted adult.
* A member of staff marks their presence and time of arrival in the register.
* If a child who is expected fails to arrive, this will be marked as absent on the register. Should the absence be longer than 2 days then our manager would call to make sure that everythi
* The key person greets the parents and takes time to hear information the parents need to share.
* The key person receives the child and tunes in to how he or she is feeling and prepares to meet his/her needs.
* Parents should spend a few minutes with their child and key person before leaving. Many parents will be in a hurry, but this can have an unsettling effect.
* Always ensure that the parents say goodbye to their child and say when they are coming back, such as ‘after tea’, rather than just ‘later’.
* If the member of staff receiving the child is not the key person, the member of staff will hand over the information shared by the parents to the key person when they arrive.

**Injuries noted on arrival**

* If a child is noted to have visible injuries when they arrive at the setting procedure .

**Changing shifts and handing over information**

* If someone other than the key person receives the child, he/she will share any information from the parent and write a note for the key person. Confidential information should be shared with the setting manager to pass on.
* The key person shares information with the managers, in this way they ensure that all information is passed on to the parent in the key person’s absence.

**Departures**

* Children are prepared for home, with clean faces, hands and clothes if required.
* A member of staff always aims to greet parents when they arrive, ensuring that the person who has arrived to collect the child is known to staff. They hand over the child personally and a staff member will enter the time of departure in the register.
* Only persons aged over 16 years should normally collect children. If a parent has no alternative, then this is agreed with the setting manager and a risk assessment completed and signed by the parent. In all cases the setting manager will ask the parents to ensure that in future alternative arrangements are made. If the parent is under 16 years of age a risk assessment will be completed. No child will be collected by anyone who has not reached 14 years of age. The risk assessment should take account of factors such as age/vulnerability of child, journey travelled, arrangements upon leaving the setting to go home/elsewhere.
* Educators verbally exchange information with parents.
* If someone other than the key person is with the child at the end of the day, the key person should pass general information to the other staff or write a note for the parents. Confidential information should be shared with the setting manager to pass on.

**Maintaining children’s safety and security**

Arrivals and departures pose a particular threat to the safety and security of the children, particularly when parents arrive at the same time or when in shared premises. To minimise the risk of a child leaving the building unnoticed, the setting manager conducts a risk assessment that identifies potential risks and the measures put in place to minimise them, such as staff busy talking to individual parents or doors left ajar. The risk assessment is shared with their line manager and is updated as and when required.