

Settling-in Period for Kindergarten and Preschool

The settling-in period is crucial for children starting kindergarten or preschool at ISF as it allows them to become familiar with their new environment, routines, and caregivers. This period helps children adjust to the new environment and build relationships with their teachers and peers.

During the settling-in period, children are gradually introduced to the new surroundings, routines, and expectations. They are given opportunities to explore and learn about the classroom environment, the materials, and the activities. This helps them feel more comfortable and secure in their new surroundings.

The settling-in period also allows teachers to get to know each child individually, their strengths, challenges, and interests. This information is essential for developing a personalized learning plan and supporting the child's social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Furthermore, the settling-in period provides an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet and communicate with the coordinator and teachers, ask questions, and discuss any concerns they may have. This communication helps build trust and partnership between families and the school, which is essential for the child's overall well-being and success in school.

As part of our established settling-in policy for Kindergarten or Pre-School, the duration of the settling-in period vary based on the child's age, development and previous experiences in other kindergartens, as every child is unique.

For parents of Kindergarten (KG) children, we recommend that the settling-in period is planned for a week. During the first few days, parents are encouraged to stay with their child in the classroom from 8:00 am to 10:20 am. Subsequent days will be based on the teacher's assessment on how well the child is settling in and Parents will be informed on a daily basis how long the child will stay in the kindergarten. Waiting parents can use a visitor's room in our kindergarten while waiting for their child.

For Preschool children, we recommend a settling-in period of 2 to 3 days. On the first day, parents are welcome to stay with their child in the classroom for about 1,5 hours (8:30 am to 10:00 am). On the second day, parents can wait in the visitor's room from 8:00 am to 12:30 am and leave after lunch. Finally, on the third day, the child can stay from 8:00 am to 15:30 am. Parents may need to wait in the visitors room depending on the teacher's recommendation on the child's settling-in process. The teacher will inform the parents if they have to wait or as to how long they have to wait on the third and final day of the settling-in period.

At all times, our priority is to ensure a smooth and comfortable transition for children, taking into consideration their individual needs and development. We value the partnership between parents and teachers in facilitating the settling-in process, and strive to create a nurturing and supportive environment for every child in our care.