## Dolphins Childcare Centre

# Welcome to our Toddler Room

Whether you are joining us for the first time or moving up from our Nursery Room, we hope the information below will help provide any information you may need.

#### **Parents**

We will inform Parents when the visits are due to take place and introduce them to their child's new Key Worker and Buddy. Photo's of their new Key Worker and Buddy will be uploaded to Tapestry. Key Workers will put the details of the child's visits on the back of their Daily Diaries. The amount of visits will depend on how your child responds to their new environment - some will settle within a few visits and some may need a few more. We will keep you informed how they are getting on.

### Moving up and Settling in to the Toddler Room

Before I move up into my new room my Key Worker will come with me for several visits. My Key Worker will stay with me while I meet my new Key Worker and Buddy. I will be shown around the room, where the drinking water is, the toilets are and where all of the toys, games and resources are kept. I will be shown the displays and where my named Dolphin will be for when I come in and register. If I have a packed lunch for my dinner, I will be shown where it will be kept - also, where to put my coat. I will join in with play activities inside as well as explore the outside garden areas. I will meet new friends and hopefully learn some of their names.

#### **Important Information**

This is a much bigger room, with lot's more children - so it may take a little longer for your child to truly settle into. This is something we are fully aware of and would like to re-assure Parents that we closely monitor all children to ensure they are settled, happy and confident within their new surroundings. Children's Learning Journey's and Care Plans will be passed on to the new Key Worker who will take over the future planning, development and assessments for your child in all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

#### Little Explorer's

Children really come into their own at this stage and act like little sponges - more confidence, more inquisitive and many more questions! How, what, why and where - be ready for them all.

#### Toilet Training

Your child will generally begin to understand the concepts of toilet training at this age (if they haven't already). As soon as you are ready to start the process at home please let us know as we will follow the same routines. All we ask is that you supply several pairs of underwear as well as a couple of sets of spare clothes - just for any accidents. Children will have accidents, but this could be for a number of reasons eg. just because they are busy exploring their environment or simply too busy playing. Please be assured, we will monitor continuously - just to ensure there are no underlying issues.

#### Bags

We ask that you do not bring bags in, unless they are toilet training – as we simply do not have the space to store them. We do hold a selection of spare clothes in case of any 'accidents'

#### Wellies

We would be grateful if you could supply your child with a spare pair of wellies while they are here. Children are out in all weathers and 'muddy' conditions - especially when exploring the Forest School garden (we wouldn't want to ruin their shoes).

#### Toys From Home

We do not encourage children to bring in toys from home (unless Parents have been advised to by the Key Worker). Children can become extremely distressed if they get lost, or when other children want to play with them.