

East Prescott Road Nursery School

Headteacher: Mr C A Bolton BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH MCCT

86 East Prescott Road

Knotty Ash

Liverpool

L14 1PW

0151 228 4672

Website: www.eastprescotroad.co.uk

Instagram: @eprns06



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear families,

Settling Children In

I appreciate that it can be a very emotional time for you while your child settles into school. You are entrusting your precious child into our care and placing your trust in my staff team. This is a big thing to do!

Settling children into school is a transition and a process. Lots of things are very new right now, but over time, the newness will become familiar as your child becomes used to our school. In a few weeks' time, it will feel like they have always been here!

In the meantime, as the children settle, there will be bumps along the road, ups and downs, good days and bad days. This is all perfectly normal.

Our staff are settling in ninety 2- and 3- years olds, some of whom may not have been to nursery before and none of whom know our school rules and expectations. Over time, our staff will teach all the children how to share, take turns, use their manners, follow our rules and be kind to others. But at this stage, many children won't have learned these life skills.

Over the coming weeks, your child may come home with bumps and bruises as they learn to find their way around their new school. They may come home telling you that another child didn't share. They might say that another child has bumped them or snatched a toy. They may tell you that another child threw sand and it got them in the face. These things happen because our children are all learning to play together. It is not intentional. The children are learning about personal space, how to take turns, testing the limitations of their own bodies, learning to use words to communicate their needs and so on. This is all part of the daily life of a 2 and 3 year old as they learn, grow and develop. Do not be worried. This is all perfectly normal and to be expected.

Our wonderful staff, with your support as parents, will teach these skills to the children and to socialise them into their class group. Let me reassure you that your child is in safe hands and is being looked after by the most caring, dedicated and committed staff team every day.

In order to support the children to settle in, we would be grateful for your support in the following ways.

On the way to school

Talk to your child about school being a safe and exciting place where they will make new friends. Let your child hear your positive words. If they see and hear you being positive about school, they will settle more quickly.



At the school gate

Children at this age are ready to walk into school by themselves. Praise them for being big and sensible! Do not carry them through the gate. Carrying your child into school gives them the impression that they are not safe here. This leads to children becoming upset and not wanting you to leave them. Tell them that school is a safe, happy and exciting place to be. There is nothing to fear or be anxious about.

Stay positive

I know many of you will feel anxious dropping your child off. This is normal. Try not let your child pick up on any anxious body language or apprehensive words. Send them in with a kiss and smile and a "see you later" or "have a good day". **Your child will only feel safe when they see you trusting us.** If they see you handing them over to us with a smile and a spring in your step, they will bounce into school happily.

Coming into school

- Our Nurture Base children will come in first.
- We will call one class at a time.
- When your child's class is called, please encourage your child to come through the door on their own.
- Praise them for being a big boy or girl.
- If your child has only just started that week and is not yet ready to come in on their own, please wait to the right-hand side of the Entrance with them (near to the flagpole and benches).
- This will enable those children who are ready to come in by themselves to do so safely.
- We will then call the children whose parents are coming in with them.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher

The best time to do this is at collection time at 11.20am or 3:00pm.

Your child's teacher will always prioritise the safe dismissal of the children in class.

This means that they will ask you to kindly stand to one side until all the other children have been safely signed out before they can speak with you.

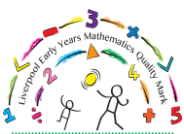
If it is urgent, you can put a call into the school office on 0151 228 4672 and arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your child has a positive start to the school year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

With warmest wishes,

Mr Craig A Bolton
Headteacher

A Strategic Partner of the Liverpool City Region and Beyond Early Years Stronger Practice Hub



Roots to Grow ~Wings to Fly

