

EYFS SETTLING IN POLICY

Support for Parents at Deira Private School

At Deira Private School, we recognize the anxiety parents may feel when leaving their child at school for the first time. However, through collaborative efforts with parents and consistent information sharing, this challenging period can transform into a truly enriching experience. Our dedicated staff, with their wealth of experience, excels in assisting children to acclimate swiftly and smoothly to the daily routine at our school.

Supporting Children in a New Environment at DePS

- At DePS, we prioritize understanding the challenges children face when entering a busy new environment, especially if they are new to English. Each child is unique, and we emphasize the importance of both our staff and parents recognizing that children adapt to new surroundings in various ways and timelines.
- To ensure a smooth transition, parents are encouraged to prepare their child beforehand by explaining what to expect before their first day at school. During the Parent Orientation Day, parents should accompany their child, spend approximately an hour engaging with teachers and assistants, and familiarizing the child with the new classroom environment.
- On the first day, parents can spend a brief 5-10 minutes with their child in the classroom before gently transitioning out, reassuring them that they will return. It is crucial for parents to keep their promise and come back as agreed.

- The following day, parents should keep farewells short, not exceeding 2 minutes, as lingering can prolong the child's distress. It is advised that parents refrain from peeking into the classroom to check on their child. Patience is key, as some children may take more time to adjust to the new setting.
- Short separations aid in the establishment of routines and comfort. When saying goodbye, parents should reassure their child of their return and promptly depart. We discourage the practice of leaving a child to cry, as it does not facilitate a quicker adjustment. Our staff ensures that children are comforted and supported during this transition period.
- Parents receive regular updates through ClassDojo, including messages and photos, and a weekly newsletter to stay informed about their child's progress and activities at school.

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