



## Child Induction Policy

When children first join any **PlaySport** club/session they will be allowed to settle in at their own pace.

We encourage parents or carers to visit the premises with their children shortly before they are due to start. This gives the children the opportunity to look around and ask any questions. It also gives parents the opportunity to complete the necessary paperwork for registration with **PlaySport** if this has not yet been done (this is necessary for Let Me Play childcare only, regular sporting after-school clubs, all paperwork should be completed online).

### Induction for new children

The new child will be introduced to all members of staff and informed about any other regular visitors to the sessions.

The club's activities, rules and routines, such as snacks, signing in and signing out, will be explained.

The child will be shown around the session and told where they can and cannot go. The fire evacuation procedure and the locations of all fire exits will be explained.

The child will be introduced to the other children at the session and allocated a 'buddy' who will assist them with finding their way around and involving them in activities.

Staff will keep a close eye on the new child and will ensure that they are happy, engaged and feel secure in the environment.

If a child seems to be taking an unusually long time to settle in, this will be discussed with their parents or carers to see what can be done to make the transition easier.

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To be reviewed: October 2023	Signed: R.McBride

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Information and Records [3.72-3.73]; Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment [3.55] and Child Protection [3.7].*