

## **SETTLING IN**

### ARRIVALS

Woodroyd follows a three stage approach to settling new children in. This is based on three key needs:

Proximity – Young children feel safest when a familiar adult, such as a parent is present when they are getting used to a new carer and new surroundings. In this way they can become confident in engaging with those experiences independently later on.

Secure base – Because the initial need for proximity of the parent has been met, young children gradually begin to feel secure with a key person in new surroundings so that they are able to participate without their parent for small periods of time.

Dependency – Young children are able to separate from parents and main carers when they have formed a secure attachment to their key person who knows and understands them best and on whom they can depend for their needs to be met.