

## 54 Moving-up Policy

Objective:

*To provide appropriate opportunities and time for children to settle into and become familiar with new environments, carers and children.*

Babies move up to the Tweenie room when they are between twelve and fifteen months old, Tweenies move up to the Toddler room when they are approximately twenty-four months old, Toddlers move up to the Preschool room when they are approximately three years old, this very much depends on your child's individual needs and stage of development.

We only move children when they are ready. If change is managed as part of a natural progression it will be less unsettling.

Before moving up your child will have visits to their new room initially for 15 - 30 minutes extending to an hour or two and gradually extending their time in their new environment in order for them to familiarise him or her with the new surroundings.

This period of settling is usually over a period of two weeks. There is no need for you to come into nursery to settle your child into their new room.

Existing and new key-carers will discuss each child's stage of development, hand-over observations, assessments and planning, relay information regarding likes/dislikes/routines/sleep habits/milk and any dietary requirements.