My Pre-School Starting Point

During your child’s first few weeks we will helping your child settle, feel safe and secure in the setting, understand the rules and boundaries and carry out observations. In order for us to make a judgement on what your child independently knows/does, could you please fill in the All about me form on your child’s Tapestry account and answer these questions. Thank you

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Separate from you happily /easily (or can they become upset/clingy) ?

Independently choose what to play with (eg. come in a room and go to the trains)?

Seek comfort from adults when upset (if they hurt themselves/or were angry would they allow an adult to cuddle and talk to them or prefer to have a moment alone) ?

How does your child deal with conflict ? (if someone takes a toy from them, would they tell an adult/ snatch the toy/walk away/ hit the other child/cry/carry on playing?)

Is your child interested in others play (watches others play/play with others/play alongside a child with the same toys)?

**Physical Development**

Is your child toilet trained ?

Can you child use the toilet interpedently (does not need help with clothes, cleaning) ?

Can your child put their coat on independently? shoes on independently ?

Does your child use one handed tools (hold pen, paintbrush, knife in one hand) ?

Can your child get themselves on a trike? Can they pedal and move it by themselves ?

How physically confident is your child (likes to climb, run, jump chase or wary and nervous when engaging in physical challenges) ?

**Language and communication**

Does your child use a dummy? If yes, how often ?

Does your child use more than three word sentences ?

Does your child understand and respond simple instructions (get your coat/put the ball in the box) ?

Does your child recognise familiar sounds (door knocking, telephone ringing) ?

Does your child use a variety of everyday words (nouns, verbs, adjectives ?

**Literacy**

Does your child have favourite stories ?

Does your child distinguish between the marks they make (tell you what they have drawn or written) ?

**Numbers**

Does your child recite some numbers in order ?

Does your child build using shapes and eg, blocks ?

**Expressive Arts and Imagination**

Does your child copy adults behaviours (pretend to make a cup of tea)?

Does your child talk to themselves when playing ?

Does your child make simple stories up when playing ?