

Transition Visits

What are transition visits?

These are short visits that we use to build a positive connection between the Kaiako (teachers), yourself and your little one.

What happens during a transition visit?

The teachers will spend time with you and your little one so everyone can get to know each other before officially starting. This is also when your little one can get a feel for the space and meet new friends.

Why are transition visits important?

Familiarization	Children become accustomed to the daycare surroundings, routines and Kaiako before their official start date.
Building Relationships	Parents and children can establish a bond with the Kaiako, fostering better communication before their official start date.
Observation and Comfort	Parents can observe how their child interacts with other children and Kaiako, ensuring your little one that the daycare is a safe and conducive environment.

Tips for our parents during transition visits:

Be Patient	Each child is different and adapts at his/her own pace. Don't rush this process.
Encourage	Allow your child to explore and interact with the daycare environment and other children.
Offer Reassurance	During the drop-and-go transition visits, reassure your child that you will return but don't stay around too long afterwards. This will build trust and security.
Ask Questions	Don't hesitate to ask the Kaiako about any aspect of the transition process or the daycare routine. Also, please share any information regarding your child, their likes, dislikes, and preferences etc.

Suggested Timeline

Transition Visit Stages	Under 1 Year <i>Estimate Visits Required</i>	1-2 Years <i>Estimate Visits Required</i>	2 Years + <i>Estimate Visits Required</i>	Estimate Duration
Short Introduction Visit	4	2	2-3	30-40min
Drop & Go Visits	2-3	2-3	1-2	
Sleep & Kai Visits	2-3	2-3	-	Until done with sleep.
Total Transition Visits	8-10	6-8	3-5	

Each child is different, some might need more visits than others, but the number of visits needed can be discussed between yourself and Kaiako.

Please schedule your transition visits with Sunette in reception when handing in your enrolment pack.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.