



## **Transition Process for Over 3's**

### **School Readiness & Leaving**

Charley Villa is our over 3's transition lead and has been working with the management team to organise and make children's transitions leaving Little Smarties a celebration of their time here before moving on to their new school.

Below is what we would like to do each year, (this may develop as time goes on!)

- Each child will get a 'Leavers Report' which will be a personal description of your child – the key person will write these around April time so that they can go to their new schools with them, giving their new teacher a good idea of who they are!
- Over the course of children starting to visit their schools Charley will have made transition books (with pictures of their schools in) and will speak to the children 1:1 to 'chat' about how they are feeling and they will play some memory games (this has been said to help them with remembering things when they go to school!)
- The breakfast and after school (if you are staying with us when they go to school) will invite them up for some visits before they start in September. This will happen 1 month leading up to when they leave, and they will do this 2 at a time so they have a friend to share it with!
- The children will also get the opportunity to go on a school run to or from their school, so they have an idea of what the routine is.
- In mid-July the nursery will organise a leavers lunch where the children will eat together, play games and there will then be a ceremony for parents/carers to come to and the children will receive a certificate (whilst wearing their graduation robe and mortar board!!)
- There will be a tree painted on the large white wall opposite the office where we will write the children's name, date of when they started and when they leave on a leaf. They will therefore always be part of us and what we do every day!
- ALL staff will be invited to the graduation.

\*We are also working on getting the children's new school staff to come and visit them in this setting where they feel comfortable and confident