



**COUNTESS GYTHA**  
**PRESCHOOL**

## **Establishing children's starting points**

When children start at Countess Gytha Preschool they arrive at different levels of learning and development. To help them to settle and make rapid progress it is important that they are provided with care and learning opportunities that are suited to their needs, interests and abilities. This means establishing and understanding their starting points and whether there are any obstacles to their learning, so that teaching can be tailored to the 'unique child'.

- The aim of establishing a child's starting points is to ensure that the most appropriate care and learning is provided from the outstart.
- Starting points are established by gathering information from the first contact with the child's parents/carers through our 'All About Your Child' questionnaire as part of our registration pack.
- The key person is responsible for establishing their key children's starting points by gathering information in the following ways:
  - Observation of the child
  - Discussion with the child's parents/carers
  - Building on information that has been gathered during registration by referring to the 'All About Your Child' questionnaire and registration form.

The information gathered is used by the key person to make a best fit judgement about the age band the child is working in, referring to the curriculum followed by the setting.