

# Gradual Entry Policy and Procedures

Admission to Wundoroo Academy begins with a gradual entry as agreed upon by staff and families. Gradual entry has several goals including:

- separation between the child and family will be gradual and positive;
- the child and day care staff will develop a positive relationship before the child is left on his/her own;
- the child and family will be gradually introduced to, and become familiar with, the routines, activities and philosophy of the center;
- the child will have a secure start to his/her day care experience with the support of both family and day care staff.

While we understand that gradual entry is not always convenient for families, it is a key component to a positive adjustment to day care.

Each child will be accepted on a probationary basis for a one-month period, at which time the suitability of the center may be reviewed.