



Parents' information sheet

Home visits – Your questions answered

What is a home visit?

As the name suggests a home visit is an informal visit to your home by staff. It is usually carried out when your child has been offered a place at the setting but before they actually start.

Why do home visits?

Home visits are a really good way for staff to begin to get to know both you and your child and vice versa.

It is a great opportunity to spend some time in a relaxed atmosphere, exchanging information and planning your child's start at the setting. You will also have the chance to ask questions and express any concerns you may have.

It is not an inspection of you or your home!

You are under no obligation to accept a home visit and a meeting can be arranged at the setting if you prefer.

All information is considered confidential and will not be shared without your permission.

Practicalities

Who will do the home visit?

This is often but not always the teacher and a teaching assistant.

How long will it take?

The length of the visit can vary; it is usually between 15 - 20 minutes but no longer than a ½ hour.

What will happen at the home visit?

We know that children like to be busy and active!

One member of staff will usually get to know your child by playing with them and showing them books or photos of the setting. Your child may also like to share some of their favourite toys or activities with the practitioner.

The other member of staff will go through some details about the setting.

How should I prepare for a home visit?

- Try to remove any distractions, for example family pets. It is also helpful if the television has been turned off.
- Have some of your child's favourite toys or playthings available, as these can help the practitioner to engage with your child.
- Prepare a list of questions you may want to ask just so you don't forget!
- If you have any questions, worries or concerns about your home visit or would like any further information please contact us at the setting.