



Preschool Home Visits Guidance

*Every child deserves the best
possible start in life!*

Pre-School

All families are offered a home visit when the child starts in the August intake. Those children starting in October or January will be offered transition sessions and an in-depth phone call meeting regarding their child.

Woodland Grange Pre-School work in partnership with parents to ensure positive outcomes for all children and the first step in this partnership is to offer a home visit. This is discussed with parents/carers and forms part of the setting application form.

Childhood experiences lay the foundations for later life. Parenting has a critical impact on children's emotional, behavioural and educational development, their health and well-being. As a setting, we recognise that a child's parents are the most enduring educator. All staff recognise the diverse strengths of parents/carers and want to share in the knowledge to help build foundations for their child's learning and development.

Woodland Grange Pre-School believe that the home visit makes the transition from home to pre-school a smoother one for the family as they already have a familiar face to recognise on their first day.

Home visits will take place during pre-school hours and will be from 9.30-11.30 am and 1-2.30 pm. They will last 20 minutes, we will be unable to offer a specific time but it will be identified as a morning/afternoon appointment. This home visit will be an opportunity to share information.

Some parents/carers may not want a home visit- this must be respected. In cases like these then a telephone meeting will be offered.

Parents/carers and children often feel more relaxed in their home environment. Home visits help to develop relationships and build trust. Children can often remember and talk about a home visit long after the event; it can be a special occasion in their lives and enhances the child-practitioner relationship.

The home visits will be conducted by a member of management: either Mrs Turner or Miss Motiwaras and then another member of pre-school. Staff will always attend in twos, never alone.

Both staff members will wear their school ID badges and take the pre-school mobile phone with them. A home visit form will be completed with parents/carers.

The staff members will bring a bag/box of suitable toys/resources to play with the child whilst the member of management will complete the necessary paperwork with the parent/carer.

Key worker's will not be identified during the home visit, this is because we like to observe the child in the setting to see who they form bonds with.

During the home visit, staff will explain the transition process and write down notes based on the information given. These notes will comply with the data protection act, will respect the parents/carers confidentiality and ensure all personal records are kept securely.

The safety of our staff is very important. Staff should not take risks and if at any point they feel insecure then the home visit will be ended.