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### **HOME VISITING POLICY**

Home visits can be invaluable in forming relationships with parents and children before they start at Nursery. They can also help once a child has started Nursery but needs more support to settle in. Members of staff visiting key children can start to build a genuine bond to help the child feel secure when s/he starts at Nursery.

- Home visits will only take place with the agreement of the parents, the manager and the child's key person.
- Members of staff will wear Nursery School uniform and carry personal I.D.
- No member of staff will be required to visit a home alone or at all, if they do not wish to do so.
- The purpose of the home visit is to support transition to Nursery, to help settle a child attending Nursery or to complete a parent consultation if parents are unable to attend parents evening.
- A written record of the home visit will be made and signed by the parents.
- If permission is given photographs may be taken to put in the child's Learning Journal.
- The member of staff may bring some equipment to play with the child; such as a puzzle, a board game or a story sack.
- The parent or carer should always be present during the home visit.
- The member of staff will be able to answer any queries that parents have or provide further information at a later date.
- Any information given on a home visit will remain confidential and only be shared within Nursery to support children's care and learning.
- Any disclosures or suspicions of child abuse must be reported to the Manager who will take appropriate action.