

WEST PARK ACADEMY

EYFS Home Visit Policy



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Childhood experiences lay the foundations for later life. Parenting has a critical impact on children's emotional, behavioural and educational development and their health and wellbeing. West Park Academy works in partnership with parents and carers to ensure positive outcomes for children.

AIM:

- To provide an opportunity for a new child and family to meet the teacher in their own home prior to the child starting at the setting if this is the parents' request.
- The purpose of the visit is to help the child, family and teacher get to know more about each other in the home environment where the child usually feels most relaxed.
- The home visit is an optional service that the setting provides, not all families wish to take us up on this offer, and the home visit is additional to our settling in policy provided for all children.

PROCEDURE:

- All parents and carers are given the opportunity to book a home visit prior to their child starting WPA EYFS. A member of the team will contact the parent/carer and arrange a time that is mutually convenient for the family and the team.
- A member of staff will always be made aware of the address of the family being visited.
- A home visit will always be attended by two members of staff, an EYFS Teacher and usually the Home School Coordinator or HLTA.
- The staff will make their own way to and from the child's home, and this will take place during normal working hours wherever possible. Staff will carry a mobile phone, the number of which will be left in the school office.
- The Teacher will use the home visit as a means of talking to the family, gaining information about the child and answering any questions the family may have. The additional staff member will give attention to the child during this time.
- The staff will stay together during the home visit and would not expect to be left alone with the child during the visit.
- We would not expect a home visit to last longer than 30 minutes.
- Staff understand that they are guests in the child's home and will treat all families with a high level of respect and regard during the visit.