Home Visit Policy

Introduction and Overview
This policy has been written in order to promote the welfare requirements of the children in our care in line with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Rationale
We believe that our first encounter with families is critical to helping form a positive partnership between the home and nursery.

Before coming to the nursery, the parent/carer is the child's first carer/teacher.

Parents/carers have valuable knowledge about their child which will help the key person to provide appropriate care and experiences for their child at nursery.

Home visits provide a forum for such knowledge to be shared in an informal way.

Aim

- To provide an opportunity for each family to meet their child's key person in their own home prior to their child starting at nursery.
- To help the child, family and key person get to know more about each other in the home environment where the child usually feels most comfortable.
- To gather information and knowledge about the child and their individual care needs and interests.
- To encourage parents/carers to ask questions and gain information prior to their child starting nursery.
- To begin to build a positive relationship with child and parents/carers.

Procedure

- A time and date are arranged that is mutually convenient for the family and key person.
- The key person has experience, information and knowledge to attend independently or if a new or inexperienced key person, then another member of staff will support the home visit also.
- The visit will last between 30 - 45 minutes.
- The key person will make their own way to the visit during normal working hours.
- Families will receive information prior to the home visit which includes a photo of the key person visiting.
- The key person will not be left unsupervised with the child during the visit.
- The key person will spend time getting to know the child playing and asking the parents questions to gain information.
- The key person is conscious of the fact they are a guest in the family's home and will treat everyone with high levels of respect and regard.

This policy is reviewed/amended accordingly/annually.

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