



## Home Visit Policy

### Aim of Home Visit

- To enable staff to build up a warm, caring relationship with the child and parent/carer before the child starts at Holy Cross Catholic Primary school.
- To meet the child in their natural environment and to establish a friendship to ease the settling in period.
- To ensure that the child has met staff on familiar territory. This can help the children feel more confident about making the transition from home to the Together for Twos or from home to the main nursery school.
- To encourage parents/carers to share with us as much information as possible about their child. This information will help us get to know the child's needs and to plan an appropriate settling in programme. To get a picture of what the child likes to do at home.
- To share information about the nursery and what happens there.
- To allow parents/carers to share things in private and without interruption.

### Procedure

- Staff always attend home visits in pairs for their own security. They must leave a list of where they are going and leave a mobile number with the office.
- Staff will have arranged a date and time well in advance of the visit. Parents/carers do not have to have a home visit if they do not wish it. They will be offered the option when they enrol their child or attend the settling in meeting.
- During the visit the teachers will spend time talking to your child and gathering information about your child.
- It's important that the parent/carer has the time and opportunity to ask questions about the setting.
- Confidentiality should be respected at all times.

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