



## EYFS Parent Home Visit Policy

2024 - 2025

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## Aims

- To help children to settle into the Early Years setting more easily.
- To enable staff to know each new child's needs more fully.
- To provide parents / carers with the opportunity to share information about their child in the informal home environment.
- To promote a partnership between parents / carers and teaching staff.
- To support parents / carers in becoming more involved in their child's learning and in the life of the school.
- To aid the early identification of any areas of concern in the child's development.
- To observe the child in their home environment.

At Reddal Hill Primary School, we understand that starting nursery or reception can be a worrying time for some children and their families. Therefore, we aim to do everything possible to ensure that we can make this process an enjoyable experience for all involved. At Reddal Hill, we work hard to develop positive relationships between school and home. The first step in this process is to provide each family with the opportunity for a home-visit before the child starts nursery / reception.

## Home Visit Procedures

- Before the visit, the Assistant Headteacher of Early Years or nursery teacher will contact the parents / carers to arrange a convenient time for the visit.
- Letters will be sent to the parents / carers to confirm the appointment. This letter will include information regarding the home visit and will explain what will happen during the home visit.
- If it is not possible to carry out a home visit, parents / carers will be invited to visit nursery to complete the relevant paperwork.
- At least two members of staff will undertake the visit. This is usually the Assistant Headteacher of Early Years and nursery teacher or Learning Support Practitioner (LSP).
- During the visit, the teacher / LSP will begin to build a relationship with the child by interacting with them and playing with the toys. The Assistant Headteacher of Early Years will confirm the general information about the child by completing our home visit questionnaire (See Appendix 1).
- The Assistant Headteacher of Early Years or nursery teacher will discuss the learning that takes place in the Early Years and outline the importance of a positive partnership between school and home.
- Parents / carers will be asked to name the adults who have permission to collect their child from school (See Appendix 2).
- Parents / carers will be given a copy of the home school agreement to read and sign.
- Parents / carers will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions that they may have.
- After the visit, staff will use the information collected to plan appropriate provision for the child based on their individual needs.



# EYFS Home Visit Questionnaire

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of staff members completing home visit: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prompt Questions for Home Visits

- Check the spelling and pronunciation of the child's name.
- What languages are spoken and understood by your child and close family members?
- What are your child's main interests / favourite toys at the moment?
- What opportunities does your child have for outside play? What do they like to do when playing outside?
- What experience does your child have of being cared for away from the family?
- How is your child when playing with other children?
- How does your child usually react to new situations or new people?

- How do you think your child will settle into school?
- Do you have any concerns about your child's development?
- Is your child known to Inclusion Support Early Years / a Paediatrician / speech and language therapist?
- Is your child toilet trained? Will your child need support when using the toilet?
- Does your child have any allergies / medical conditions that we need to be aware of?
- Is there anything that your child should not eat?
- Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?



## EYFS Child Collection Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please can you provide the names of responsible adults who will be authorised to collect your child from school.

Name	Contact number	Relationship to your child

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that the people named above are allowed to collect my child from school. I understand that they will be asked for their name and the password (if they have not been seen before) before allowing my child to leave the school.

I will notify the school if anyone different will be collecting my child.

I will notify the school if I am going to be late collecting my child on any occasion.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_