

Milverton Primary School

EYFS Home Visit Policy



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Aims

Our main aim is to enable every child to achieve their potential. To do this, we need to create a peaceful environment in which tolerance, mutual cooperation and stability are encouraged, so that each child can work productively, learn to make decisions, use their own judgement and co-operate courteously with others.

As a school, we are trying to achieve these high standards by responding professionally, sensitively and caringly to the needs of all our pupils.

At Milverton we understand that starting school can be daunting for everyone involved, so with this in mind, we want to do all we can to make the process as stress free and enjoyable as possible for families and their children.

Our EYFS team will work in partnership with parents. As parents are a child's first educator, this will help ensure the best outcomes for the children. The first step of this partnership is a home visit for family before a child starts school. We believe that this enables parents and children to meet members of the EYFS staff in the place where they feel most at ease, at home.

Two members of the Milverton Early Years team, one being the allocated class teacher, will carry out the visits. Parents will be notified of the visit in advance and a convenient time arranged. Milverton staff will wear their ID badges and take a mobile phone; this number will be left in the School office and has key contacts prestored. A timetable of visits will be left in the School office.

The class teacher will take a small selection of books for the child to choose from and a class toy and will play with the child during the home visit while the other member of staff completes any necessary paperwork and checks the application form.

Our EYFS Booklet will be shared with parents and any queries arising from it answered.

If a home visit is not possible, parents/carers should notify the school office and arrange to visit school prior to the start of term to hand in the relevant paperwork.

If school-based staff are aware of any special circumstances, needs or arrangements for home visiting, these will be discussed with the Headteacher in advance, who will decide on any necessary additional arrangements required to carry out the visit successfully.

Policy review

It is the responsibility of the Early Years' staff to follow this policy. This policy was reviewed and updated in January 2021. It is reviewed every 2 years by the governors and updated with liaison by all staff and in line with discussions with children, parents and carers. This document should be read alongside the EYFS Home Visit Policy and EYFS Intimate Care policy.