

# All Saints Nursery School

## Pre Start/Play Visits to Home Policy

### Policy statement

We believe that visits to the child's home environment pre to them beginning at All Saints Nursery form the foundations of effective partnerships. They help us to fully understand the child within the context of their home environment and community. They enable us to introduce the key person to the family in a comfortable environment for the child and are the beginning of us understanding how to support the holistic needs of the child and family.

### Procedures/guidelines

We introduce the visit to parents as a play visit rather than a home visit so parents do not feel that it is their home which is being judged.

Visits are offered to all parents with an explanation of the benefits to the child and family and reassurance that it is not in any way an inspection visit.

A variety of times and dates are offered to suit the family

We write to confirm the time and date and include a letter to the child. We phone to confirm each visit or any change of time and try to keep to schedules and not stay longer than planned

We take a personalised key person booklet to help parents relate to the key person. This also includes photographs of the nursery and activities.

We ask parents to begin the child's learning journey with photographs of family and home environment.

We take a bag of open ended resources to allow observation of the child within a very familiar environment

We avoid form filling and listen carefully to parent's descriptions of the child's interests and routines and strategies used with their child.

Staff dress appropriately and comfortably and respect the cultural values of any homes they enter. A translator is sourced if necessary.

Staff follow safety procedures as laid out in the risk assessment. Staff do not use their own cars unless suitably insured.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ name of setting

Held on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Date to be reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Signed on behalf of the management  
Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signatory \_\_\_\_\_

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) \_\_\_\_\_