

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong



Home Visit Policy

Date reviewed: September 2026

Next renew date: September 2027

Intent

At Ellwood Community Primary School, we value parents as their child's first educators and we know that children are most confident in the familiarity of their home environment. They will interact differently at home to how they would interact within the school setting and therefore by conducting home visits, we are able to have a good insight into each child and an understanding of their interests and development. It also enables children to have a chance to get to know both the teacher and class teaching assistant on a one to one basis and begin to establish positive relationships with them which can help to reduce anxiety about starting school.

Implementation

Home visits will be carried out by the class teacher and the class teaching assistant. In line with our 'Guidance for Safer Working Practice' policy, there will be two members of staff in attendance. This works well as it allows one member of staff to talk to the family and the other member of staff to focus solely on the child.

We allocate approximately thirty minutes as the standard period of time for each home visit. Visits take place at the beginning of the child's first term in school and are conducted prior to the children attending school.

Impact

This visit is crucial as the starting point for building a relationship with our new children's families, a time to exchange information informally and an opportunity for families and children to ask any questions they may

have. By conducting home visits, we are able to develop a more holistic picture of the child's development and needs.

Monitoring and Review

It is the responsibility of those working in Reception to follow the principles stated in this policy. The Head teacher (Mrs Milford,) and EYFS Leader, (Mrs King) will carry out monitoring of the EYFS as part of the whole school monitoring schedule. The Governing Body will also be part of this process.

Review: September 2026	By: Mrs King	Signed: Mrs King
Due to be Reviewed: September 2027		