



Home visit policy

At Rydal Day Nursery we endeavour to carry out home visits for every child starting with us. The Manager or Senior team member will attend the home visit with the child's allocated key person. The aim of the home visits is for the child to begin building bonds and forming attachments with their key person. The other member of the team can ask questions and gather lots of information about the child's likes, interests, medical history, food preferences and parents are free to share as much or as little information as they like. The home visits are not mandatory and the forms can be completed with the family during their child's first hour settling.

The home visit typically last between 20 and 30 minutes. The home visit may need to be longer for some families, these may include children with SEND, Adopted, Fostered or looked after, or children with Medical needs or allergies and intolerances. These are usually arranged to be longer prior to the visit.

To be taken on the Home Visit:

- Learning Diary and Registration form
- Toy box for the home visit
- Home visit folder
- T-shirt for the child
- Mobile phone

While on the home premises, staff will politely refuse a drink or food from the parents/carer, as they are only there for half an hour.

If the parent/carer offers gifts, the staff will again politely refuse and thank the parents/carer of their kind offer. If they want to donate toys to the nursery the staff should ask the parent/carer if they could bring it in on their child's visit and again thank them for the offer.

Home visits are a great opportunity for staff and parent collaboration, it gives staff a chance to see a child's home life but also for the child to start building a bond with their key worker before attending the setting, this helps to make them feel a little more secure on their first session.

Should either team members have any concerns about the child or family whilst on the home visit our Child Protection and Safeguarding policies and procedures will be followed.

