



SEVENOAKS
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HOME VISIT POLICY

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At Sevenoaks Preparatory Early Years Department, we believe that working closely with parents has a critical impact on children's emotional, behavioural and educational development, and their health and wellbeing. We work in partnership with parents to ensure positive outcomes for children, and the first step in this partnership is to offer a virtual home visit to every family prior to the child joining Nursery.

The Head of EYFS and another member of Early Years staff will usually carry out these visits, welcoming families to the school. However, in some cases it may be more appropriate for the class teacher and teaching assistant to carry out the observations. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss the whole child and begin to build a picture of their personalities, interests and stage of development as well as answer parent questions and discuss the settling process. Information will then be shared with the relevant team.

Every child/ family will be invited to visit the setting prior to the child starting, in order to become familiar with the environment and staff.

We are committed to making the transition into our school as seamless as possible for every family and our EYFS team understands that this is an important time of change for new families. We strive to ensure every family feels welcomed and comfortable prior to their children starting and maintain an open-door policy which is adhered to throughout the school.