



Millbrook Home Visit Policy

At Millbrook we believe that children will need time to build a trusting relationship with the people who will care for them. Children will build this relationship through getting to know their key worker and seeing that their parents/carers are building relationships with the key worker too. We do a variety of things to help children settle (see Settling-in Policy) but one of the things we do is visit new to Millbrook children in their homes.

Home Visits

During a home visit Key workers visit the child at home to meet the child and chat to the parents/carers. During the visit one of the adults engages with the child in an activity whilst the other chats to the parents/carer. They bring a list of things to find out to aid the settling in process and answer any questions that the child/parent has.

Reasons for home visiting children:

Children get another chance to meet and start to build relationships with their keyworker.

Parents/carers get an opportunity to chat to the keyworker on a one to one basis and answer any questions that they might have or any concerns that they might have about their child starting in a new setting.

The child is more relaxed in their own environment.

Key workers can chat to the parents/carers about specific procedures regarding collection from school/Nursery and what to do if their child is ill.

The child can show their keyworker any special toys or things that are important to them.

Key workers can tell parents about any specific workshops for parents coming up.

Parents can have a chance to talk to keyworkers about any medical issues on a personal level.

Key workers can advise parents on things like toilet training and other parenting issues.

Key workers can support parents in filling in all of the forms and admission documents so we have all of the information ready for when they start.

Key workers can remind parents of the uniform required and give an opportunity for them to purchase it where appropriate.

Key workers can advise parents of the equipment they need for school.

Many of the points above are spoken about at the Induction meeting for parents and are detailed in our 'welcome to' booklets - however parents often need to talk some of these things through on a more personal level.

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