

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR MY VISIT?

- Complete the google form with your preference to date and time. As explained in the key dates letter, we will do our best to accommodate your preferences however, it is not guaranteed. Your appointment will depend on your child's class, your preference and your location to enable us to visit every family.
- Try to remove any distractions, for example family pets. It is also helpful if the television is switched off.
- Have some of your child's favourite toys or playthings available as these can help the team to engage with your child.
- Complete the 'Getting To Know Me' booklet.
- Prepare a list of questions you may want to ask just so you don't forget!

Other FAQs

- 1. How long will my visit be?**
The length of the visit can vary however, to ensure we have time to visit all our families we will be with you no longer than 30 minutes.
- 2. When will I find out my appointment?**
Your appointment will be communicated to you on Wednesday 10th July along with your child's class and class teacher.
- 3. What if I cannot make the given date or time?**
Please give any details of home visit requirements on the google form. If we cannot accommodate your preferences, and you are in no way able to make your allocated time/date please contact the school office.

If you have any further questions about your home visit, or would like any further information then please contact us on 01202 514 396 and request the Infant Site.

St Luke's Church
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Home Visits

An information guide to help you and your family better understand what a home visit is and some of the benefits it provides.



What is a HOME VISIT ?

As the name suggests, a home visit is an informal visit to your home by our Reception team.

Every school has a different approach to the transition from pre-school setting to starting school. At St Luke's we have taken great care in planning our transition events. We hope the opportunities we offer, including our home visits, will provide our children with a positive and successful start to their school career, whilst warmly welcoming our families into our school community.

In September, your child's class teacher and often the teaching assistant will visit your home to get to know your family, see your child in a familiar environment and give you an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting to discuss any questions or address any queries about your child's start to school.

Why do HOME VISITS?

Home visits are a really good way for staff to begin to get to know both you and your child and vice versa.

Children may often act differently in their home environment. A home visit provides the teacher with an excellent insight into understanding your child's interests and what they like to do. It is an opportunity for your child to get to know the teacher on a one to one basis and establish a trusting relationship. The main aim is to help your child settle and become happy and relaxed at school as quickly as possible.

We recognise that you may feel anxious about your child starting school. The home visit will provide you with an great opportunity to speak about any concerns, ask questions and to talk about your child in the comfort of your own home.

It is not an inspection of you or your home!

You are under no obligation to accept a home visit and a meeting can be arranged at school if you would prefer.

What will happen during the visit ?

We know that children like to be busy and active!

One member of staff will usually get to know your child by playing with them and showing them books or photos of the setting. Your child may also like to share some of their favourite toys or activities with them.

The other member of staff will go through some details about the setting, give you a welcome pack and spend some time answering any questions or concerns you may have.

You will also have the opportunity to pass on the 'Getting To Know You' booklet and anything else you would like the setting to know about your child.

