

Home Visit Policy

The aim of a home visit is to establish a partnership between the children, parents/carers, and the playgroup staff, to ease the transition from home to playgroup and to build a relationship with the child. It is also an opportunity for parents to develop links with the playgroup and become involved in their child's care and education. When parents and teachers work together, the results have a positive impact on children's learning and development.

The Manager or Deputy and one other teacher will attend the home visit. The aim of the home visits is for the child to begin building bonds and forming attachments with playgroup teachers. Whilst one teacher is playing with the child, the other can ask questions and gather lots of information about the child's likes, interests, medical history, and food preferences. The home visit typically last between 20 and 30 minutes but they are not mandatory. Some visits 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.

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

TWO teachers must attend the visit. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES can a home visit be completed by a teacher on their own.

We will bring an enrolment pack, a sample learning journey, a toy/game, or book to play with the child and a form of identification. We will ensure the visit is logged on our Home Visit Record sheet. This entry will include the date, time and place of visit, the phone number of the place of visit and who is attending the visit.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Belton Playgroup Association:

Held on: 2nd June 2026

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Signed on behalf of committee:

Name and role of signatory: Anna Spencer, Chair of Committee

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