# **Owls Reception Class**

# **Home Visit Information**

#### What is a home visit?

A home visit is offered to all families after accepting a place in our Reception Class. This is to help form relationships between parents, teachers and children which then starts the process of sharing information and partnership between home and school. Parents/carers and children often feel more relaxed in their own home and some parents and carers appreciate having time to talk on a one-to-one basis.

We will be in contact to arrange a time and date for the home visit. Mrs Black (Owls Teacher) and Miss Taylor or Miss Borthwick (Owls Teaching Assistants) will carry out home visits over two afternoons in June. A home visit usually lasts 30 minutes.

# Why do we need a home visit?

Home visits help to develop relationships and build trust in a more relaxed environment. There are benefits of having a home visit such as building relationships, linking the child's learning from home to the setting, assisting parents/carers and teachers in observing and gaining an understanding of the child's skills and interests, gathering general information and to make a smoother transition into our school.

Children often remember and talk about a home visit long after the event; it can be a special occasion in their lives and enhances the relationship between your child and their teacher. Home visits can also help to understand children's behaviour patterns and interests.

### Other Information

Mrs Black will explain about 'settling in' and discuss this with you, finding out likes and dislikes and other key information. Mrs Black will fill out an information form to keep in your child's school records ready for starting school in September. She will also bring an information pack about the school for you to keep. If you have any further questions about home visits please contact the school office <a href="mailto:office@woburn-lower-school.co.uk">office@woburn-lower-school.co.uk</a> or via telephone 01525 290207.

## Dates for your diary

June	Afternoon home visits, time slots will be allocated closer to the time.		
July 2022,	Morning taster session in Owls class, your children will spend the morning with their class and explore the classroom and outdoor environment and spend time with Mrs Black and Miss Taylor or Miss Borthwick.		