

Home Visit Programme Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we doing this?

It is well recognised that a strong relationship between families and school provides the best possible support for every child. The Education Endowment Foundation is the UK's leading education research organisation. Their most recent report on parent engagement suggests that effective parent engagement can lead to learning gains of 3 months over the course of a year. This makes effective parent engagement a key element of successfully supporting every child to thrive, our vision for every child in a Maritime school.

These visits aim to create a strong relationship between home and school by:

- Allowing parents/ carers time to get to know their child's new teacher - this time will allow families to explore who the new teacher is, what they expect in class, how concerns and praise will be fed back to parents and so on.
- Giving children the opportunity to get to know their new teacher in their own home environment - something that can make a big difference to the confidence of children starting a new academic year
- Providing each teacher time to get to know each child joining their class - for example what they love to do both at school and at home. This allows each teacher to tailor and personalise their lessons to reflect the children's interests and needs.
- Allowing each teacher to get to know each child's family so there is a strong relationship between school and home, ready to support each child as needed.

We piloted additional home visits in three Maritime schools in September 2022. We received lots of positive feedback from teachers, parents and children.



Meeting the child in their own home environment totally changed how I approached situations and how I taught. It was very useful and powerful.

Teacher, Bligh Primary School

What will the meeting cover?

This won't be a meeting to run through administration matters, these can be done on-line with our Bromcom system. Rather this is all about creating relationships around every child to ensure we support our children in the best possible way.

Is there anything we can do to support our child(ren) in the run up to starting school?

Home learning will be set so that our children can begin their next phase of learning before the start of term. Please consult your school website to see the start of term date for your child's school and look out for communication from your school on the process from here.

Visit Logistics - how is it all going to work?

We will contact you in the Summer Term to collate parent preferences for appointments. Your home visit appointment will then be confirmed by late July/early August through your school. If you have more than one child in the same Maritime school then we will aim to have all visits arranged for the same session.