

Personal Development at William Booth

How are Home Visits used at William Booth?

Covid was a very challenging time for schools. But one positive legacy that came out of it at William Booth was a **strengthening of the ties** between school and home, and an increased appreciation of just how important this relationship is.

Now, we make this clear from the onset. **Every new pupil at our school gets a home visit before admission, from their new class teacher.** It's a chance for us to meet our families, get an understanding of the pupil's context, offer support where needed and get across key messages about our school.

This culture of home visits doesn't end there though. Whether it's to **check if one of our pupils are safe** and well, **provide support**, meet parents **where they feel most comfortable** or talk about a **school absence**, at William Booth home visits are now a key part of our work with children and families.



What is the impact?

We believe that home visits make an invaluable contribution to our home-school relationships. They are one of the reasons that our attendance is higher than the national average. They contribute to the excellent levels of engagement and satisfaction seen in our parent/carer surveys.

And they ensure that our staff have a better understanding of the lives of our pupils, the diverse qualities of their families, and the challenges that they might be facing outside school.