

Social visits



Prisoners can book social visits using the internal booking system - visitors must be on their 'approved visitors' list. It is essential that all visitors arrive and check in at least 15 minutes before their allotted visit start time. You will be refused entry to the prison if you arrive later than 15 minutes prior to your visit. Please ensure you have the correct identification (see below) for your visit. We recommend that you bring proof of address to all visit sessions in the event further documentation checks are required. If attending a social visit at HMP Forest Bank for the first time, it may take longer to complete the registration process. We recommend that you arrive 30 minutes prior to your visit session.

Visit times



Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

10:45 – 11:45 | 14:00 – 15:00 | 15:45 – 16:45 | 18:00 – 19:00

Friday:

10:45 – 11:45 | 15:45 – 16:45 | 18:00 – 19:00

Saturday and Sunday:

10:00 – 11:00 | 14:30 – 15:30

Virtual visits

We offer Purple Visits to help support family and friends connections when travel isn't always possible:



Tuesday: 10:45, 14:00, 15:45 and 18:00

Wednesday: 10:45, 14:00 and 15:45

Thursday: 10:45, 14:00, 15:45 and 18:00

Friday: 10:45, 15:45 and 18:00

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 and 14:30



Purple visits are booked internally by the prisoner based on availability. We offer 2 purple visits per month.

To participate in a purple visit, you must first download the application to your mobile device / tablet via the apple app store or google play and follow the instructions. For further information please visit <https://www.purplevisits.com/>

Legal visits

Official Visits via Video

To arrange an official video visit, please email forestbankvcc@sodexogov.co.uk or call 0161 925 7021. The booking line is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5:30pm.

Official Video visit times are Monday to Friday: 8am - 5:30pm.

Face to Face Official (Legal) Visits

To arrange an official face to face visit, please email: fb.booked@sodexogov.co.uk
Official face to face visit times are Monday to Friday at either 9:15am, 11am, 2:15pm or 4pm.