

New Parent Transition Questionnaire and responses 2016

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Comments	Response
I am happy with the information I received prior to my child starting school.	27	13			<p>I need more feedback about how she gets on.</p> <p>The packs and information/visits were a great way of getting familiar with the whole school process.</p> <p>State more clearly what the uniform is</p> <p>Good communication</p> <p>Just could have done with a little more information about ordering meals</p>	<p>There are parents meetings each term. Staff are usually available for a quick update at the end of the day.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>The uniform details are provided in the induction pack and available online.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>At the start of this year we went through a transition period with school meal orders hopefully it has all settled down now?</p>
Now my child has started school the weekly newsletter and class blogs keep me up to date.	18	18	2		<p>Blogs are interesting although nothing has been added for nearly a month.</p> <p>I am really pleased with the updates but could they be updated at the end of the week?</p> <p>Would like to read updates every week.</p> <p>Newsletters are now online and blogs never seem to get updated.</p> <p>Would like to see more photos on the class blog.</p> <p>I would prefer to receive newsletters on paper.</p> <p>I never check the blog or the newsletter.</p> <p>I receive the texts but can't seem to get information online.</p>	<p>As a school staff we have agreed to update our class by blogs a minimum of twice each half term. In the reception classes we try to update more frequently for you.</p> <p>Newsletters are available online and as a paper copy. If you would like a paper copy you need to choose that option, please pop in to the school office and let them know you have changed your mind.</p> <p>We encourage you to check our website and class pages frequently, if you are having problems accessing them please let us know.</p>

I feel happy to approach staff about any concerns.	28	12			<p>Teachers and reception staff are friendly and helpful when concerns arise.</p> <p>Mrs Constable is a fantastic teacher, kind to me and my child.</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Thank you</p>
The induction programme has helped my child settle into their class.	31	8	1		<p>My child is tired by Friday.</p> <p>My child was in group 4. I felt he could have done with more visits in the first week</p> <p>Our child is still unsettled, but the programme and staff have definitely helped.</p> <p>Not sure that it has helped him want to come to school.</p> <p>I feel it's worked better than in previous years for both the child and the parent</p>	<p>Please talk to your child's teacher if you feel they are not coping, but be assured they will get used to the long week.</p> <p>We tried to organise the induction to allow the youngest children slightly more time to settle in. But we will be reviewing this for next years children.</p> <p>Thank you, some children take a little longer to settle, we will support them for as long as they need.</p> <p>Hopefully as he settles he will be more enthusiastic.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
The curriculum workshops, Learning through Play and Literacy/Maths were useful.	19	16			<p>It is a fantastic idea. Parents get a chance to get involved in their child's new surroundings and see their routine.</p> <p>It has really helped being able to see and hear it all first hand.</p> <p>Due to work I was only able to attend one workshop. It may have been easier for parents if it was held in the evening.</p> <p>Unfortunately I couldn't attend these.</p> <p>Couldn't attend these due to having a small</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>We are aware that many parents are working and for that reason attending the workshops is not always possible. The nature of the workshops mean that the children should be with you, therefore evenings are not realistic. We have sent home the information to parents that couldn't be there. Please come and talk to us if you have any other</p>

					<p>baby.</p> <p>Couldn't attend due to work commitments.</p> <p>My Dad went as I was working, he said it was very good.</p> <p>The maths and play information was useful, but the literacy hasn't helped because I am not sure how to write all the letters.</p>	<p>queries.</p> <p>He looked as if he was enjoying himself!</p> <p>Come in and talk to your class teacher if you would like some more help with this, thank you.</p>
The school keeps my child safe.	26	13			<p>I have no concerns with this at all.</p> <p>I have had an occasion where my child hurt themselves and we were not informed.</p> <p>Sometimes the children seem to be let out when parents aren't there.</p> <p>I was a little concerned when they were let out at home time.</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>We try to catch parents at the end of the day to inform you of any significant issues, sorry we missed you on this occasion.</p> <p>Both classes only let children out when we, and your child, can see the adult collecting them. We would never allow your children to go with a person we don't know.</p>
My child enjoys school.	25	15			<p>Loves school.</p> <p>We do get tears before and after school, but whilst he is there he is fine.</p> <p>She is slowly getting there, just some getting used to.</p> <p>He enjoys some of it. She loves it.</p>	<p>We love having them.</p> <p>Sadly it often the parents that see the very tired side of their child. If we were concerned about them during the school day we would have talked to you about this.</p> <p>That's great to hear.</p>
Overall I am happy with the induction process.	26	14			<p>Being in group 1 I feel the extra visits really helped him.</p>	<p>That is what we were hoping we would achieve, thank you.</p>
Any further comments	Oliver is happy and settles and enjoys going to school every day.				<p>Thank you, that's nice to hear.</p>	

	<p>I am very happy and please with everything the school is doing.</p> <p>We are happy with the school and the induction process helped my child settle at school</p> <p>My only concern is the amount of homework. More information regarding homework should be given in the induction process.</p> <p>I don't agree with how the children are learning to write letters. Reading books are not joined up, it is confusing for them.</p> <p>I was concerned my child didn't get a visit from school, whilst he was at nursery.</p> <p>My child enjoys coming into school and has no worries. As a parent of older children at the school I found this year's settling in program was a lot easier and quicker.</p> <p>A lovely school and lovely teachers. But sometimes communication is lacking, such as late notice for Roald Dahl day.</p> <p>It may help having something for parents with phonics, to help with sounding out and writing them. The workshops may be better either before or after the child has settle, rather than during the process.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>Thank you we are glad it has worked for your family.</p> <p>There is a lot of letter sound work early in the year, this will phase down to homework once a week. Information regarding homework was given in the workshops. In order to reach more parents we will add it to the information evening. Thank you for your ideas.</p> <p>Children are learning to write using cursive handwriting, this will help them as they get older. There is a range of texts in all classrooms (as in the real world). When children are more confident they will cope well with this.</p> <p>We have children from 12 different pre schools and nurseries, it is difficult for us to make visits to everyone. Where we were not able to visit, we organised extra visits to school and put those children into group 1. But we acknowledge your concern, thank you.</p> <p>Thank you , we are always aiming to make things more straightforward for you all.</p> <p>Thank you, we will try to give more notice for similar events in the future.</p> <p>The literacy workshops aimed to cover some of this, if you were unable to attend or would more info, please let us know.</p>
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40 of our 55 families replies to our questionnaire.

