



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Autumn Term (2022/23)

Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks to everyone who took time to complete the questionnaire, your views are important to help us continue to improve as well as celebrate the things we do well.

Here is my analysis of your responses as well as replies to the comments made. 3% - 1 response

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Parental Questionnaire Analysis, November 2022

	AUTUMN TERM 2 2022-23	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	81%	19%			
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	72%	28%			
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	85%	15%			
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	85%	12%	3%		
5	I am treated like a partner in my child's education	69%	31%			
6	I feel informed about my child's progress	60%	34%	3%	3%	
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	66%	28%	6%		
8	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	72%	28%			
9	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (weekly home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry weekly home learning etc)	56%	35%	9%		
10	I am aware and supportive of the schools improvement plan (shared in our Autumn term newsletter, at our Parent/Carer Group and available on the website)	66%	31%	9%		

11	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	66%	25%	9%		
12	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	59%	32%	9%		
13	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry messages, posters around school	88%	12%			
14	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and respond well to any concerns I raise	84%	16%			
15	The school is led and managed well	88%	12%			
16	I would recommend this school to another parent	88%	12%			
17	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?	I have had a previous child here 34%	From a friend/relative 28%	From the website 16%	Facebook 0%	Other (please specify): 22%
<p>For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers</p> <p>We received the following comments, only 1 of which relates to a 'disagree' answer</p> <p>Since Z has been attending Sandy Lane he's doing really well with his speech and language and also recognising numbers, colours and vehicles</p> <p>Staff are very supportive and communicate well to provide updates. We particularly enjoy seeing the updates on Tapestry. A great range of activities are provided to promote learning and development.</p> <p>I'm only informed of T's progress if I ask, I'm not aware of what he's doing each day, if he's had a snack/drink and had his nappy changed. I don't know what he's learning or what's being done to assist his speech delay and communication.</p> <p>We have spoken directly with this parent/carers and the issue outlined is now resolved.</p>						
18	<p>Can you give an example of something Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School has done which has made a positive difference to your child AND/OR you as a family e.g. supporting with things like toilet training, managing behavior, speech and language or other health needs, families wellbeing during times of stress, building a sense of community and friendship with other parents/carers - parent groups, volunteering, fundraising. How has your attendance at our workshops benefitted you and your child?</p> <p>Supporting with toilet training has been great, J's speech has come on great since starting.</p> <p>Making her feel comfortable enough to talk to staff</p> <p>Allowed J to transfer smoothly from his previous nursery. The communication before he started and how he was welcomed into the nursery was great.</p> <p>Z's speech and language is coming along amazingly part of this is because of the workshops I attend, I have taken back all the information and have started to do the activities at home with Z 😊</p> <p>The teachers are extremely supportive of not only the children but parents as well.</p> <p>They do a few meetings and coffee afternoon's each week which allows parents to get together and discuss different things and it's really informative and a great way for parents to interact and make friends.</p> <p>The nursery is such a safe and positive place and I am extremely grateful for all of the teachers support.</p>					

	My child L absolutely loves it at the nursery and he has come on leaps and bounds since starting, I have noticed a massive difference in him and he has really benefited from being in the Rainbow Room.
	Brought her speaking on so much. Helped give her dummies to the dummy fairy for little babies. Brought her confidence out so much
	Sandy lane have noticed and support us with B being a SEN child are doing their very best for him to get the help he needs
	The staff have been wonderful in helping T settle, he was initially quiet upset having never left my side since birth but within a week T was happy and excited to go to nursery. Everyday his confidence has bloomed since he started and it's been a amazing experience watching T develop his sense of independence and fun within the nursery. As a parent I have attended information sessions which were incredibly informative and help me build my own confidence going forward with T's school education in the future. All staff are polite and friendly I would highly recommend, it's the perfect welcoming family setting.
	Staff at the nursery are supportive and welcoming which helped with the transition with starting nursery.
	Supporting my children's learning and giving me advice regarding their additional needs
	I enjoy all events organized at the nursery: stay and play session showed me how my child is exploring the forest school, his independent and curiosity. Workshops - shows different opportunities to develop my child's skills.
	My child loves activity packs and books which he gets from the nursery.
	I feel extremely supported by staff, especially on days when I feel the most anxious to bring him in depending on his mood, or even being understanding about why I haven't brought him in.
	Staff always help with any concerns I have and always help in any way they can which is great. I enjoy the rainbow room parent group would be great to see more parents there
	The staff are supportive
	Supported with toilet training he is now out of nappies and dry in the day time his speech has come on loads to which I'm very proud of they also spotted his tongue tie and pushed us to get it sorted which will be done soon unfortunately has to have an operation for this
	Home learning bags are a fantastic idea to bring a piece of nursery home, I love the stay and play sessions so I'm a part of the session.
	Not been to one yet
	Potty training and talking. J has come out of his shell a lot more since starting and progressing very well
	The transition meeting, when Jamie & Nikki visited our home before J started at nursery, was so helpful. It gave use time to share all important information to make the transition go smoothly and have J the opportunity to become familiar with staff.
	The SEND meeting where we received information on the EHCP process and applying for schools was so helpful. Gave us opportunity to ask questions etc about the process and was reassuring.
	It's clear T is learning things as I've seen him start to say some phrases at home which is incredible! I'd just like to know more about his learning in nursery and how he's being supported.
	My child has learnt to make friends and communicate a lot better since joining sandy lane
	Helping build relationships
	they help my child to shine
	O has become more independent the staff have helped a lot as O wouldn't feed his self with the staff help he now does it on his own at nursery and at home
	They have made B more independent and helped him to socialise with other children. I went to the maths workshop which helped me understand the language you use in maths eg more or less.
	Saying more words and counting up to six she's come along since going here
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	Maja is speaking English more now.
	My concern is that she is staring doing pee into her pants in nursery. She always asking in home for go toilet
	Support with things like toilet training.

	Knowledge of language
19	<p>How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning?</p> <p>I love being able to see things J has done and taken part in in nursery and it's great I can share home life</p> <p>It's nice to see how relaxed she is as she is very shy</p> <p>I do struggle using tapestry but will attend the workshop</p> <p>Tapestry shows me how well Z is doing and how he enjoys school also it shows him having fun with the other children which is lovely to see</p> <p>Tapestry has helped a lot as the teachers put a lot of information about different things like events, support and home learning ideas.</p> <p>They also upload photos and videos of my child which shows me what he has done that day and what he has learnt and they are very informative and it's lovely to see him in the nursery environment.</p> <p>They also write information on what he needs and what will help him improve and it really helps give me an understanding.</p> <p>Tapestry seems to be a very easy and quick way to get in touch with all parents in one place.</p> <p>Everything I need to know is uploaded on there and I can track and keep up with my child developments at nursery</p> <p>It's nice to see but B doesn't get involved in a lot of activities but he's always included</p> <p>It's been brilliant following T's learning journey and being able to interact in home learning.</p> <p>Tapestry has shown what activities take place in nursery so that this can be continued with at home.</p> <p>Easy to use</p> <p>I am happy that there are shared activities for home learning and that there are some observations added from time to time. It is good to see what my child is doing at the nursery and what he gained through the activity. I would like to see a bit more observations during the week or month. It will help me to feel better that I know what kind of activities are done during the sessions.</p> <p>I love seeing how happy and settled he is</p> <p>It's easy to do which is great and takes very little time to upload things</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Easy to do my only problem is A doesn't wear clothes at home at all so I don't tend to post much of what he has done. We love to hear about children's home learning, please don't feel you need to add a photo, just a short message would be fine</p> <p>Photos sent via tapestry helps R discuss what he has been learning with us.</p> <p>I love updates from what H has been doing and if could have more that would be fab</p> <p>I love seeing what J is doing at school and get ideas for him for at home.</p> <p>Tapestry has been wonderful because we can see what activities J has been doing at nursery (which he isn't able to tell us). We enjoy watching the videos of Beth reading the stories the children will be focusing on at home via the app- it allows us to discuss what is coming next at nursery with J. We enjoy using Tapestry to record new learning at home- it keeps the conversation about J's achievements and progress very fluid between us and Nursery.</p> <p>I haven't really had many updates, ideally I'd like more. We all love to see the posts of children staff share on Tapestry. As you can imagine, to post photos of every child takes time. Our priority it that staff engage with children to support and develop their learning which is why we limit detailed observations to 3 per term. Staff also use Tapestry to share home learning ideas weekly in the memos section. If you need help to access these please just speak to a member of staff. We enjoy reading parent/carers posts of their children engaging in home learning too</p> <p>It's helped a lot seeing what H is capable of at nursery</p> <p>Very helpful</p> <p>Tapestry is great, I love that we can share our experiences with the school</p> <p>It helps so we know what to do</p> <p>It's good to know what B is achieving and working towards.</p>

	<p>I can see what she is doing and the progress she at with learning, waiting.</p> <p>I know straight away everything. Which activities had my son. How he enjoyed because I can see photo. I know what and how I should do it with him at home.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>I have all the information about my daughter</p> <p>I love tapestry as I can show what A does at home and I absolutely love to see what she does in nursery. I love the home learning ideas as it gives me an idea for activities to do at home with A.</p> <p>Easy way to know what my child do in nursery</p> <p>Lots of info</p>
19	<p>As a parent, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?</p> <p>.</p> <p>The staff are great, always making sure J is ok, helping him in areas he needs. Always keeping me informed.</p> <p>Stay and play's, being involved, staff treat the children like their own and you can see how much they care about each child!</p> <p>The opportunities the children are given supported by good staff.</p> <p>Everything there's nothing that I dislike everyone is friendly and supportive towards each other and there is always someone there to help if needs be</p> <p>I love how positive and supportive all of the staff are.</p> <p>They are there when you need them and offer so much support, I have noticed my child has come along so much with his development since starting and they have been so amazing and patient with him.</p> <p>The staff, the whole nursery in general</p> <p>The staff and there push for the children to be the best they can</p> <p>Great staff who are welcoming and friendly, they have been exceptional with Thomas.</p> <p>The nursery setting is set up well for the children to explore a wide variety of learning opportunities and the outdoor areas and forest school enable exploration of the outdoor environment.</p> <p>Lovely staff</p> <p>Information on tapestry, events, stay and play sessions, reading stories on Fridays, workshops, coffee mornings, outdoor area, forest school, I like short videos uploaded by staff (when they show makaton signs and read stories of the week - my child can see his teacher from the room who is reading a story and hear right pronunciation and accent which is helpful because A is Polish and he's just started his English learning journey.)</p> <p>That I know he's safe and happy and not penalised for having "bad days"</p> <p>The staff make B feel so loved and safe they allow him to express himself in all ways and make me feel I'm not alone</p> <p>I like everything about the nursery</p> <p>Staff give A a cuddle in the morning to help him settle into nursery as sometimes that's all he needs before he can get on and play with his friends</p> <p>I like that the staff are lovely and friendly. They send a lot of info through tapestry. Love the way they settle upset children with a hug.</p> <p>Inclusive</p> <p>I love how friendly the staff are and how they include me in J's learning</p> <p>That everyone works together to support the children.</p> <p>Parent inclusion</p> <p>My child absolutely loves coming to nursery I like the fact that as soon as he wakes up he asks is it nursery today mummy I love that my child loves to come</p> <p>There is a range of activities for them to do inside and out</p> <p>how welcoming the staff are</p> <p>The staff take each child's need into consideration and help them reach milestones</p> <p>The warmth of the environment and the staff.</p> <p>How the staff communicate with you and acknowledge you when you come in and pick kids up. Also report any accidents that have happened.</p>

	Very good staff. All ladies are nice patient and helpful.
	Forest sessions
	Very helpful staff.
	I love how caring and nurturing the nursery is. Forest school is my most favourite part of nursery, I think it gives the children so many opportunities and I love when I get to come and be a part of that experience on stay and play days.
	Organisation
	I love how close it is with nature, so she can go outside when she likes, how nice it is when they cook their own snacks and have it around the table, forest school.
20	<p>What could we change or make better?</p> <p>I wouldn't change a thing I think the nursery is ran amazingly. The staff are excellent and very friendly.</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>There's nothing to change or make better...sandy lane is perfect how it is</p> <p>I honestly don't think there is anything that needs to change or needs to be made better. It seems like a great place and I don't have a bad word to say about it :)</p> <p>Not a lot I would say to need to change</p> <p>Nothing keep being amazing</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>We enjoy receiving updates on Tapestry and more updates would be welcomed around pictures and observations during activities.</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>As a parent I would like to get a short feedback after the session (how was my child during the session, what has been done (activities), what was for snack) and after the term- what was a progress of my child (what he has done good or what we have to improve...)</p> <p>More observations (if it is possible) - I had only three or four from the beginning of the year. I really enjoy them.</p> <p>There might be more posts on Facebook.</p> <p>Please see the comments relating to feedback at drop off/collection and Tapestry observations. At the end of each term, parents/carers of children in Garden and Sunshine Rooms will receive a progress report linked to their child's observations. For parents/carers of children in Rainbow Room this is linked to your child's personal plans. Information about whether the child is 'on track' or 'not on track' is included along with next steps for learning that staff will be supporting in nursery and ideas of how you can support these through home learning too.</p> <p>Tapestry is the schools main method of sharing information with parents and carers. Our Facebook site is used to share the activities our children engage in with prospective parents and celebrate our links with local business and volunteers</p> <p>Nothing I would change</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Everything is absolutely fine</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>I am happy with everything.</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>Everything is perfect!</p> <p>/</p> <p>Overall the nursery is wonderful, just need better handovers and/or updates on Tapestry.</p> <p>Nothing everything is great</p> <p>N</p> <p>n</p> <p>No</p> <p>The only thing I don't like is not wearing aprons for painting. Sometimes it doesn't come out their clothes. I have no problem with them getting dirty, but the paint on clothes I feel is unnecessary.</p>

We do try our very best to ensure that children who are painting wear an apron, although sometimes they do get to the painting area quicker than us!! Children can also touch paint as they move past the painting area which is then wiped on their clothes but they haven't done any painting that day. We ask that children come to school in clothes parents/carers don't mind getting stained, as we all know play and learning can be a messy business but appreciate it can be frustrating if a child comes home with paint on their clothes.

I can't think of anything as I've not been put in that position at this moment in time so all is brilliant from side.

For me nothing.

Remind children about go toilet to prevent M's pee into her pants

For children who are toilet training or those who start to have 'accidents' frequently, staff will remind children every 20 minutes or so to use the toilet. If this is an ongoing issue please speak with your child's key worker who will be happy to help

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Everything is great, I don't recommend any changes

For me, I think abit more of a handover at pick ups would be a little better, if she's ate her snack, how she's been etc and what her progress is

Staff are always available to speak with parents/carers who are collecting their children on time at the end of the session. Between 11.30 and 12.30 staff tidy rooms for the next session, supervise lunch club, have their own lunch. From 3.30 staff need to set up for the next day, attend the daily meeting to review learning and progress, complete Tapestry posts and lots more.

Please see the related comment about how staff share children's progress with parents/carers termly. Any parent/carer wanting more detailed information about their child's progress is welcome to make an appointment with their key worker.