



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Summer Term (2022/23)

Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks to everyone who took time to complete the questionnaire, we received 47 responses. 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.

As you can see below, there were a few responses where people were unsure (don't know) and some from parents suggesting their children didn't enjoy the home learning activities. If you would like to know more about our school and have any suggestions on how we can help all children to engage and enjoy their home learning come along to our next 'Friends of Sandy Lane' parent/carers meeting. Dates are on Tapestry, posted around school and on Facebook, have a chat with me at the door during drop off/collection or leave me a post on Tapestry.

Marcia Atherton
Head teacher

Parental Questionnaire Analysis, June 2023

	SUMMER 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	87%	13%			
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	87%	13%			
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	81%	17%	2%		
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	83%	17%			
5	I am treated like a partner in my child's education	75%	25%			
6	I feel informed about my child's progress	77%	21%	2%		
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	81%	13%	6%		
8	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	83%	17%			
9	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (weekly home	71%	23%	2%	2%	2%

	learning bags, lending library, Tapestry weekly home learning etc)					
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)	75%	23%	2%		
11	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	75%	21%	4%		
12	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	81%	15%	4%		
13	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry messages, posters around school	87%	13%			
14	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and respond well to any concerns I raise	89%	11%			
15	The school is led and managed well	85%	15%			
16	I would recommend this school to another parent	87%	13%			
17	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?	I have had a previous child here 40%	From a friend/relative 21%	From the website 21%	Facebook 0%	Other (please specify): 17%
18	<p>For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers</p> <p>Don't have a report or pictures each week</p> <p>We all enjoy the photos shared by staff on Tapestry and staff are available for a brief chat at the end of each session. Staff's priority during the session is to support fun and learning for the children. When they are able sometimes activities are photographed and posted on Tapestry but children will not receive photos every week. Staff are always available for a brief chat at drop off or collection, please speak with staff to make an appointment if you feel a longer conversation would be helpful.</p>					
19	<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>Here are a few of the comments made by families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They know every child as an individual and work with any development needs they have. • Supported toilet training, helped with speech, and been supportive of our whole family • Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School have been a great listening ear for me when I have hit a few personal problems. I have enjoy getting involved with some ideas for fun raisers for the nursery and I've loved helping out with little jobs. I enjoyed doing the workshops with the kids as I can them help them progress on to the next steps they need to move too and help out where they are struggling. • Thanks to activities at home A is more open to books, counting and spend more time with both parents. • Building confidence • The staff are very welcoming and friendly. The parent group for the rainbow room was very helpful and informative. • Sandy lane have always checked in on me when I've had some difficult times. They've supported my daughter with writing her name, counting and other things. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's never been a time where the staff haven't been supportive. We love coming to nursery every day. • I cannot fault anything at all about Sandy lane ALL staff from office staff right the way through to teaching staff and the head have helped my child in one way or another just by talking to her E. E loves being there.
20	<p>How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning? Comments made by parents/carers included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This continues to be a very important part of communication with between us. It allows us to see up to date information about what J is working on so that we can continue this at home and vice versa • I can see my son progress • I love seeing all the ways that you teach E and I love the tips and ideas of things to do at home. • It shows us as parents how our children are progressing and learning at school • I get a lot of updates for everything through tapestry and I find it really helpful to see everything that's going on in nursery and how B is progressing • It's great! Teachers provide lot of useful info there, and we can share something about Y's learning progress by using it. • I get to see how A is enjoying his time in nursery and what he is learning. • Keeps me updated and also I love seeing pictures of my child exploring at nursery • Yes although the password has to be very long and it's hard to remember. <p>Unfortunately school have no control over the passwords that are required to access Tapestry. Parents/carers set the passwords and school doesn't have any access to these. We do appreciate that this may be frustrating but hope that this doesn't impact on your ability to log in and see all the fun and learning your child has engaged in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes it's very helpful tapestry for all information that need to know what's happening
21	<p>As a parent, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? A sample of some of the comments shared by our families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's very welcoming, staff are approachable, • I like how friendly the staff are and that G feels comfortable whilst at nursery • How happy my child is at Sandy Lane • We feel that our daughter is safe at the nursery and she loves Sandy Lane Nursery. She started to speak good English and also staff is very friendly • The friendly compassionate staff really show that they care for our child. • The staff are all lovely and support for anything is always welcome • I like that the teachers are patient and non judgmental about the children • The school environment, educational vision, and the professional manner of all the teachers. • The staff are really lovely and B really like the activities that are in place, he really loves forest school • I think the teachers have a good relationship and you can tell it runs smoothly. They're always so happy and this rubs off on the children. My daughter always comes home telling me about the different relationships she has with the different teachers and how positive they are. • The staff are amazing • I couldn't just pick one thing I love everything. • The staff and environment is really friendly. I feel totally safe by sending my son over. Am fully satisfied that all the staff is putting an extra effort which is really important for the child's development • The sense of community
22	<p>What could we change or make better? Here are some examples of what you said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing I think you are perfect • More provision for SEND, though I know this is out of your control <p>We would love nothing better than to expand Rainbow Room and offer more specialist SEND places for children across the borough. Unfortunately at the moment this isn't possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's nothing to change or make better • Snacks <p>Children receive a healthy snack during their session with different foods offered each day. These are usually things like selection of fruit or vegetables, crackers, breadsticks, cheese, dips, toast or something they have cooked during the session. The funds parents/carers contribute to the school goes towards the cost of these snack items, cooking ingredients and little extras like birthday presents with the school funding</p>

the balance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the snack your child is having please speak to their key worker who will be happy to help.

- Nothing because everything is good the way it is
- Everything is perfect
- We would love for extra hours to be available at the provision so that our child could access up to 30 hours once aged 3.

We do have a limited number of 30 hour places and would love to be able to expand these to enable us to offer places to all families who were eligible.

- More personal communication with parents. Tapestry is great for following what he's up to at nursery but sometime I feel one on one conversation would be more beneficial for me to know how he's actually getting on.

Room staff are always available for a brief chat with parents/carers who are collecting their children on time at the end of the session. Parents/carers are welcome anytime to make an appointment with their child's key worker if you feel this would be beneficial. In addition, at the end of each term parents/carers are invited to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress. If you have any other ideas about how we can improve this area please let us know by speaking to your child's room leader or attending our Friends of Sandy Lane parent/carer group.

- Password on tapestry

Please see the comment above.

- Nothing. It's brilliant nursery. Well done to all staff and thankyou.
- Myself personally don't think anything needs to change, children are well looked after and the staff are very approachable with any concerns.
- Nothing that has come to mind, it's a lovely school