

Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

“Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination”

2023/24

Dear Parent/Carer

All parents/carers of children new to Sandy Lane this year were invited to complete a short survey about nursery and how their child has settled in. 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.

Marcia Atherton

Head teacher

1. **If a home visit too place prior to your child attending for their first visit at nursery, did you find this useful?**

**In what ways do you think it helped both you and your child?**

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| Yes |
| Yes we got to see who his teachers were and he had a familiar face |
| the child gets to know the people with whom he or she is at kindergarten, the parent can ask questions if he or she does not know something |
| Yes, I found it useful. It was good for Kayla to meet Jamie prior to starting, this way she saw a familiar face on her first day |
| The home visit was very useful, it gave us a clear picture of what the child will be doing at school and how we are expected to cooperate with the school. |
| We think very well, we asked everything we were curious about, we are very happy that we handed over your child to safe people. thank you very much. |
| Home visit have to be rearranged. |
| It was very useful, it’s an avenue for parents to know their child’s teacher and also for the teachers to know how to help the child in school |
| Yes was useful I could ask for everything I get answer |
| Yes |
| Yes it was useful. It help us get to know what to expect and as a whole new package. |
| I did find it useful for T to meet his teachers first. |
| Yes and getting information earlier |
| No home visit as of yet |
| Yes |
| Yes. I think O was feeling more confident on her first session at nursery after meeting her teachers prior. |
| Yes, very helpful, answers to all my questions, help my daughter to intern with them |
| Yes it's too useful as staff discussed about child rabbits etc. |
| Yes, W felt comfortable with the two teachers and recognised them the next day at nursery |
| yes |
| A home visit did take place prior to E’s first visit at nursery. I found this very useful as it allowed E and I to meet some of her teachers before her transition into nursery, which I think helped as E recognised the teachers and wasn’t afraid to play and interact with them. It also allowed the teachers to get to know E and meet her 1 to 1 and understand what E liked and disliked. So overall I thought it was very useful and a great thing to do. I appreciate the teachers taking time out of their day to come and make E’s transition that bit easier. |

1. **Did you feel that you were given enough time to share information about your child’s needs with nursery staff?**

All responses were ‘yes’ with the following comments

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| The staff were very kind and helpful. They ensured they ask all the necessary questions to ensure they can fully meet A’s needs. |
| Yes and also it helped that they new us as a family due to his brother and sister attending their in the past |
| Yes definitely. Jo was very attentive and answered all my questions. |

1. **Do you feel that both you and your child were effectively supported during their transition to nursery? Please give details if you can**

All responses were ‘yes’ with the following comments

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| Yes was told how his day would go and what they do there, and my questions I did have were answered |
| Yes, everyone was very supportive and helpful and answered any questions I had. They made Kayla feel very welcome. |
| Yes they gave us all the information and updates on the process |
| Yes. The staff was kind and polite and patient with both of us. They gave me and A time to build a trusting relationship with the staff. |
| Yes 100%. The transition has been made smooth and easy. |

1. **Do you find the school has a welcoming and friendly atmosphere?**

100% of responses agreed YES

1. **Did you find the information shared by school via our website** [**www.sandylanenurseryschool.co.uk**](http://www.sandylanenurseryschool.co.uk)**, induction events and Tapestry posts helpful and easy to understand?**

100% of responses agreed YES

1. **Is there any other information or activity you would like to see as part of our induction/transition process in the future?**

Families responded ‘no’ with the following comments

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| At the moment I can't think of anything |
| I found that music helped A relax in the morning on arrival. |
| None for now |
| None for now |
| No, thought it was brilliant |
| I would love some more pictures of S’s day if possible |
| I’m happy with activities |
| Not that I can think of |
| No, I think the transition process now is great and works well |

Staff will always work with parents/carers to support children to settle at the start of the session and it’s good to hear that music helped A have a relaxed start to her session.

Each child new to nursery will have a ‘Welcome to Sandy Lane’ post with a few photos of what they have enjoyed during their first week in nursery. We all love to view the photos and observations staff share on Tapestry but these need to be limited as staff’s priority is to engage with the children and support their learning. Over each term staff will post detailed observations of your children along with photos of things they have experienced for you to enjoy. If you have any questions about your child’s engagement in activities please just speak to their key worker or a member of the room team.

1. **Would you be interested in joining our parent and carer group?**

YES 32% MAYBE 43% NO 25%

Look out for Tapestry posts and posters in the entrance with dates for this meeting

1. **We would be very grateful for any other comments or suggestions you would like to make?**

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| N/a |
| Very lovely teachers with my boy, and myself I’ve never felt more welcome and happy to help me with any thing I want to ask |
| N/A |
| I'm looking forward for K to start her journey at Sandy Lane and hope she has lots of fun learning. |
| You have a very good team of staff who are very supportive and friendly. |
| Thank you very much |
| We are both very happy that we found Sandy Lane Nursery. We couldn't ask for any better! |
| The kids are not been supported with potty training |
| Maybe more photos from the day of the child's stay at nursery ;) |
| I’m very happy with everything. O really enjoys her sessions and appears to be more confident. I would like to thank everyone for all the support during her transition to nursery school |
| So far so good. |
| N/A |
| Nothing else |
| Everything was good for us, nothing to add. |
| Everything is good as of now. I will share if any |
| None at the moment |
| Friendly staff |
| Everyone at the nursery is lovely. The office staff are fantastic, emails are always answered extremely fast and I’m always satisfied that they’ve answered all of my questions. :) |

We were a little confused about the comment related to toilet training from a parent in Garden Room. If parents/carers tell us they are toilet training their child, or staff feel children are ready to be toilet trained, once they have settled in to nursery, we will work with you to support your child with this.

Please see the comment above regarding photos