



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Autumn Term (2024-25)

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, including a sample of the comments we received and, where appropriate, my replies.

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Head teacher

Parental Questionnaire Analysis, November 2024

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	75%	25%		
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	80%	20%		
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	70%	30%		
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy lane Nursery and Forest School	85%	15%		
5	I am aware of what my child is learning in nursery e.g. Tapestry posts, classroom displays, conversations with staff	75%	25%		
6	I feel informed about my child's progress	75%	25%		
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	75%	25%		
8	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	85%	15%		
9	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry, weekly home learning)	50%	45%	5%	
10	I am aware and supportive of the schools improvement plan (shared in the Autumn term newsletter and available on the schools website)	70%	30%		

11	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	55%	45%		
12	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	55%	25%	20% not aware of any conflicts	
13	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry messages, posters around school	75%	25%		
14	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and school responds well to any concerns I raise	80%	20%		
15	The school is led and managed well	80-%	20%		
16	I would recommend this school to another parent	90%	10%		
17	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? (Please tick your answer)	I have had a previous child here 29%	From a friend/relative 33%	From the website 21%	Other (please specify): 17%
18	For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers .We received no comments for the disagree response.				
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.</p> <p>My son is sharing Forest school he is very happy because he loves nature. Sandy Lane teachers also helped my child learn many things and they have great patience. thank you Meeting new parents & friends for my child I feel that I can talk to all staff with anything I need to, they are all absolutely amazing with my little boy, supporting him with his development and us as a family when needed. I would strongly recommend Sandy Lane to any parent they were amazing with my daughter and i knew that my son would go on to love it to which he does. Very supportive not only just in nursery but out too x Speech and Language therapy, behaviour, toilet training Nursery is definitely helping with behaviour and sharing. Encourage speech The staff here have been massively supportive towards T's speech and language, I have noticed a huge difference in his speech since he started here in September. The school have supported N with her speech and language and her interaction skills with others. Also have helped her with potty training and moving on to the toilet. Staff are so welcoming and supportive. Things are increasingly challenging and they are always available to discuss strategies and offer support and a listening ear. We are so grateful. Since A started Sandy Lane, I finally feel like he/ and us are being listened too. Referrals have been made and he's getting the help he needs. Volunteering helping house work, tidy> He love to go to school every morning which is the most important :) R has come on so much with his speech and communication, he also plays and shares a lot better with children outside of nursery W's 1-1 has got a lovely bond with him and he has really started to settle and warm to her and she keeps me inform of how he is day to day. W's class teachers and TA's always have time to discuss issues or positives of W's day I really appreciate this so we can work together to support him. In my child's all round development, in just half a term he has come on so much Our child is very excited when she go to the nursery. She like this group.</p>				
18	<p>How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning?</p> <p>Through Tapestry I know what my child is doing in the nursery on an ongoing basis and we can do the same at home I am kept in the loop of things my child does at nursery and I like to see him enjoying himself Yes we love the updates to tapestry to learn at home too V's progress With the information and ideas that the nursery staff post in the app, it is easier to play with our child and come up with new games. The information from the app is very helpful. I look forward to the updates and watching him learn & play It's all in one place</p>				

	<p>They have given me tips and ideas to try at home to continue and also expand his learning. It's really good to see her in different settings and get different ideas</p> <p>Tapestry is really useful so I can see how my child is getting on and how much fun he is having at Nursery and how well he is settling in and tells me info on things that need to know and it's lovely to see pictures of my child enjoying Nursery.</p> <p>Seeing PECs and B's interests have pushed us at home to try new activities with him.</p> <p>I love tapestry, I love all the little updates that come with it. Being able to see what A gets up to with the pictures and videos and an explanation telling me what he's been up to. It's also really good for keeping informed about certain events/ meetings that are happening at nursery too .</p> <p>Great and fantastic app reminder and clear</p> <p>It's been great to see what R gets up to in nursery and all the different activities he does</p> <p>Yes I love to receive information and learn about his progress in nursery.</p> <p>Think it's great app easy to use</p>
19	<p>As a parent/carer, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?</p> <p>The friendly and supportive staff who really care about your child's wellbeing and progress.</p> <p>I appreciate the teacher's knowledge about every subject, his/her help, his/her smiling and understanding, his/her tolerance and understanding in every subject regardless of race, religion, language and other issues.</p> <p>I like the form of learning and fun, as well as the teachers' approach to children.</p> <p>The activities for children during the day</p> <p>I can't fault anything, staff are amazing all the children are happy and my son looks forward to coming everyday!</p> <p>Very friendly</p> <p>Atmosphere</p> <p>The staff and how the nursery is run</p> <p>The setting</p> <p>I love how comfortable and safe my child feels being here. He is always excited to go to school.</p> <p>The staff are amazing with her</p> <p>I thinks it's a very friendly and welcoming place and the staff are always so helpful when need help with anything there always willing to help the best way they can and point me in right direct I need for help and support I need for my child and everyone.</p> <p>That staff genuinely care for my child. I feel he is supported and cared for. He has never settled so well anywhere other than his home, including with our wider family. His needs are supported so well and he is celebrated as an individual.</p> <p>Definitely the love and care that all the staff put in to each child that attends here.</p> <p>Exploring things so much</p> <p>I love the fact R enjoys going here and if I have any concerns R's teachers are great and I've always felt heard.</p> <p>Teachers and staff are all so friendly towards W and know his name. They always have time to discuss and concerns and positives.</p> <p>Outstanding staff and nursery very supportive and I appreciate all they do for my son</p> <p>The children are lots of times outside.</p>
20	<p>What could we change or make better?</p> <p>Lots of parents said 'Nothing' in addition to the other comments below:</p> <p>Your system is in place and progressing well as planned, we are aware of the system.</p> <p>You can't change something that is already great :)</p> <p>I don't feel any changes or need to make better are needed</p> <p>I can't think of anything x</p> <p>I think you all are doing great job, and its perfect place for my daughter</p> <p>Nothing really I can't really say anything that needs to be changed with her Nursery</p> <p>The hours are so challenging as a working parent. I do however understand this is beyond the setting's direct control</p> <p>Unfortunately there is currently not enough interest to enable us to extend our 4pm wrap around care offer to 6pm but we will continue to canvass parents interest. During school holidays a private provider, WASPS, is able to offer sessions to parents who require this. Further information can be found on our website.</p> <p>I wouldn't change anything.</p> <p>No just keep going</p> <p>More activities being sent home other than on tapestry</p> <p>Depending on the room a child attends, we offer a range of home learning activities including the lending library, story sacks, chatter boxes, music bags and more, in addition to the weekly home learning shared on Tapestry. Currently a member of staff is responsible for checking the contents of the home learning bags</p>

once returned and organizing their distribution to families each week. This takes time and therefore limits the frequency in which the bags are available to take home. The Tapestry posts are linked to the learning children are exploring in nursery and are practical activities for parents to share with their child at home e.g. going on an Autumn walk or baking gingerbread. The parent page on our website also gives more ideas of activities to try at home to support children's learning. If you would like to share any ideas for other home learning activities we could introduce, or would like to volunteer to help with the distribution of home learning bags, please speak with your child's key worker.

Nothing I am really pleased with how W is settling in it has taken a while for him to transition which I knew could take time but I am positive that he will go from strength to strength with the support from staff at Sandy Lane. Thank you :)