



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School "Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Autumn Term 2022/23

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 took 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?

Yes, I think meeting Jo and Sarah beforehand helped put me at ease for Jenson starting.

I found the home visit very useful. Thanks to this, my child met teachers with whom he has classes in the nursery. As a parent, I also felt better getting to know the staff before my daughter's first day in the nursery.

Very useful, it was lovely to get to meet some of the team at the nursery who were very friendly and made Niall feel at ease.

Very useful Kirsten took ages to chat with us and ease any worries

Lovely to meet the staff and ask any questions

Yes this was useful. Allowed us as parents to give a bit of a background about our child and get our thoughts and concerns across. It also gave us some insight of the routine of his day and helped us understand the processes that would happen over the next year up to school

It allowed S to see a familiar face when starting nursery. Also allowing nursery to see S in her own home environment and finding out what her likes/dislikes are to help the transition smoother

My J learned bit of language and also improved in many other ways.

Yes, it enables teachers to see James in his home environment and understand his behaviour, temperament and additional needs in his familiar surroundings, which helps staff prepare for him in at preschool.

The visit enabled me to give staff detailed information about his additional needs, likes and dislikes.

J was able to meet some staff and spend some 1:1 time with Nic, which may have helped him settle quicker, having a familiar face.

L had greater confidence starting his new nursery with the home visit. I feel he knew where he could seek assistance with familiar faces.

I felt comfortable meeting his teacher and her assistant at home prior to his nursery placement. It gave us all great confidence on his new journey.

A had a chance to meet the people who would be caring for her with her home surroundings which made A less anxious.

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

Yes

Yes

Yes definitely. They made time to meet with me .

Yes

Yes.

Yes

Yes. Nic and Katie and Kirsten was on hand.

Yes

Yes

Yes, staff are brilliant.

I was very satisfied

Yes

Yes indeed! We had a little chat which was two-sided. We spoke about L's likes, and also what was expected of his new nursery.

Yes

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

Yes

Yes

The transition to Sandy Lane went very smoothly thanks to the caring staff.

Yes 100%. The staff explained everything and showed me and J around asked questions about what he likes to do.

Yes, we feel really supported. Despite the language barrier, my child feels very well in the nursery.

N and I feel very supported from all of the wonderful staff and couldn't be more pleased.

Yes very much so

Yes

Yes

Yes, loved the home visit and stay and play session. The stay and play allowed me to get to see and know S's teachers.

Yes

Yes - staff were always happy to talk to me about James' day

Yes, absolutely! The transition happened exactly how it was discussed. I had no concerns and knew L would settle easily.

Yes

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

100% of responses agreed YES

5. Did you find the information shared by school via our website www.sandylanenurseryschool.co.uk, induction events and Tapestry posts helpful and easy to understand?

100% of responses agreed YES

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

No, everything was good
No
Everything was fine.
No I think it's great as it is
I do not know
Everything has been brilliant, the only other thing to add is to maybe have a few more picture updates on tapestry.
No
N/a
No
No
I was happy with your set up
N/a
L's transition went well from our perspective.
L has settled in so well, he is happy. L speaks about his friends, his feelings, and surroundings - all are positive.
No

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.

7. Would you be interested in joining our parent and carer group?
 YES 21% MAYBE 71% NO 8%

Please look out for the dates for our next Friends of Sandy Lane group meetings on Tapestry and displayed on posters around school. We would love to see you there

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

I think everything was done well.
The best nursery L has gone too
J has had an amazing half term at nursery and to see him so happy is wonderful. Thanks
The nursery and staff are great. J loves attending and is excited in a morning when he knows he's on the way to nursery. He's come out of his shell a lot more since starting and it's also improving his communicating.
I do not have any remarks. We enjoyed the nursery very much. We like this place very much.

Since N has started in Rainbow room all of the staff have been amazing! He loves coming to nursery and seeing the positive changes in him since he started is lovely to see. Massive thank-you to everyone, we couldn't be more pleased.

E has only managed four sessions due to sickness but nursery have been very understanding and supportive throughout

Fabulous nursery and staff

N/a

Thank you, your all doing an awesome job!

I am very satisfied with you guys, I think everything is really good 🙌

Thank you to all the staff at Sandy Lane for making it such a lovely place for J and all the other children to learn and develop.

At this stage I have no suggestions. I feel the nursery is doing a fantastic job. If I have any questions or suggestions in the future, i will happily speak to staff.

May not be relevant but A loves coming to school everyday. She literally skips to the front door every morning. Thanks for making her feel so welcomed.