



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Autumn Term (2023-24)

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.

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Head teacher

Parental Questionnaire Analysis, November 2023

	SUMMER TERM 2021 -22	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	100%				
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	91%	9%			
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	96%	4%			
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy lane Nursery and Forest School	91%	9%			
5	I am treated like a partner in my child's education	100%				
6	I feel informed about my child's progress	96%	4%			
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	86%	14%			
8	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	91%	9%			
9	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry, weekly home learning)	96%	4%			
10	I am aware and supportive of the schools improvement plan (shared in the Autumn term newsletter and available on the schools website)	100%				

11	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	91%	9%			
12	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	91%	9%			
13	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry messages, posters around school	96%	4%			
14	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and school responds well to any concerns I raise	96%	4%			
15	The school is led and managed well	96%	4%			
16	I would recommend this school to another parent	96%	4%			
17	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? (Please tick your answer)	I have had a previous child here 33%	From a friend/relative 33%	From the website 14%	Facebook 0%	Other (please specify): 20%
18	For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers					
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>I love that the nursery hold parent meetings and invite professionals along such as bladder and bowel etc... which is very helpful and has benefitted myself and my child</p> <p>My child is made to feel very welcomed and cared for by all staff and she knows she can go to them when she needs them</p> <p>Staff helped to ease us into the transition to nursery, comforting our little boy when he was upset on drop offs to nursery.</p> <p>Very well, thank you.</p> <p>Sandy lane has improved Z's communication and has helped him explore the outdoors and indoors</p> <p>Brought L out of her shell more and helping her make more friendship groups</p> <p>Stay and plays. E loved it.</p> <p>Speech and language of English coz our mother language is Cantonese. My daughter now likes to speak English and learning very fast. Building up friendship and sense of community and sharing through the activity at the nursery</p> <p>His speech has developed very much since he joined the nursery. And he is well mannered due to the learned at school for example using please and thank you always</p> <p>Staff are knowledgeable, understanding and pro-active in supporting my child. The parent group has also been a good way to get to know other parents & form new friendships/support network- thank you for facilitating these. Also the stay & play sessions were a fantastic way for us to get involved in our child's learning.</p> <p>The nursery hold regular meetings and groups to share useful information which has been helpful. The EHCP meeting was very beneficial.</p> <p>O has come on so much since been at this nursery</p> <p>Support with everything, even if it's just a chat with Kirsten, it helps so much. And as much as M doesn't talk to staff she's always very happy going into nursery and after nursery too!</p> <p>G is a lot more confident with his toilet training and he is learning so much like how to write his name and learning more new words and facts</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>G has progressed since she has been to Sandy lane nursery.</p> <p>My child struggled with being around people she didn't know and trying to get G to school away from me and her dad we found it stressful and didn't see her going in but Jamie was amazing with</p>					

	<p>G and the time she put into G was amazing and seeing her pop that bubble she was in now all she wants is to go nursery and play with her friends.</p> <p>Very supportive school have helped greatly with C</p> <p>Yes , speech and language</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>Knowing more about his additional needs an keeping me up to date with everything and how to help improve this</p>
18	<p>How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning?</p> <p>Easy to access from home. Can write comments etc</p> <p>Gives good ideas and good extra help with there learning</p> <p>Tapestry helps us with ideas for educational play at home, activities that we wouldn't have thought of otherwise.</p> <p>On web site.</p> <p>Tapestry is really useful</p> <p>Really good helps me no L is setting after a crying start and also allows me to see the amazing things she is doing on nursery</p> <p>Seeing pics of E playing is nice and we share home with you via pictures</p> <p>That is very good on sharing information via by tapestry. Coz I know what she during at nursery.</p> <p>This is my way to receive all the info and outs from my son's adventure every day, very happy with it.</p> <p>It is great to see observations from nursery staff which showcases what is being learned. I also like that we can share activities from home. It's also a good way to communicate about wider activities like parent groups, PTA/fundraising and upcoming events.</p> <p>We love receiving updates on Tapestry which shares key information and lovely updates of our child's engagement in activities.</p> <p>It helped a lot as I can see how he going on</p> <p>It's okay but not much on there</p> <p>Tapestry has helped me to feel included in G's learning, I enjoy seeing the pictures of him at school</p> <p>More support for learning at home</p> <p>As a parent I know what my child does in nursery.</p> <p>Greatly appreciated due to the rocky start being kept up to date ect really helps.</p> <p>Yes it's great way of communicating</p> <p>It helps the staff to see what M can do in her own environment that she may not do in nursery. It helps put my mind at ease to see her happy in nursery, with her being so quiet.</p> <p>I love the fact photos are being taken daily of the activities my sons done</p> <p>Keeps track of everything my son has done within the nursery an keeps me up to date with meetings an activities etc</p>
19	<p>As a parent/carer, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?</p> <p>The lovely caring staff 😊</p> <p>The parent meetings</p> <p>The staff are amazing the kids are a good bunch of friendly children</p> <p>The staff in sunshine room...they all seem lovely, kind and nurturing.</p> <p>Nursery is very good ,lovely workers.</p> <p>Everything what's there not to like 😊</p> <p>I like how the teachers go above and beyond to settle L in the morning and how we are invited to things like forest school etc</p> <p>The friendly staff and bonds</p> <p>The teacher and teaching concepts, let's the children more creative.</p>

	<p>All the info is presented in details and time. A lot of activities are presented to the kids and showing them the differences in the world around, making them understand all are important and should not discriminate people.</p> <p>That Sandy Lane is a family where my child is valued.</p> <p>The supportive staff and their genuine care for our child.</p> <p>The staff are brilliant with O and he very happy to stay in their care</p> <p>The staff know our family, are very supportive and they genuinely care for the children it isn't just a job for them!</p> <p>We like how the school incorporates different types of learning and playing and the chance for the children to learn in the forest school, I also like how my son is learning about different cultures including most recently Diwali.</p> <p>They have helped my child so much</p> <p>Everything</p> <p>I can't pick one thing G is so happy here and that's down to the amazing staff</p> <p>The staff are really welcoming and I feel my child is safe when I leave him</p> <p>Friendly atmosphere</p> <p>Everything is great</p> <p>Everything</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>I'm happy with how our experience has been so far</p> <p>Nothing everything is perfect</p> <p>Nothing I think sandy lane is brilliant as it is</p> <p>Don't know</p> <p>I think should be more active as let's the parents can join together. Something like a same event or activity can play and learning together.</p> <p>All good</p> <p>Continue with all the wonderful things you are already doing.</p> <p>Nothing, the nursery is amazing!</p> <p>There isn't anything that could be changed</p> <p>Maybe more stay and plays/cookery etc</p> <p>At the start of the year we make sure children have settled in to nursery and are developing an understanding of the routines. From next half term I know staff have a number of events planned, look out on Tapestry and the regular newsletter for more information</p> <p>Nothing, we love this nursery and could not of picked a better place to send our son</p> <p>Everything is ok with the nursery</p> <p>There is nothing I pull change</p> <p>Communication with staff</p> <p>Knowing more of what he's done in the day</p> <p>For parents who arrive to collect their child on time staff are always available for a short conversation. We are aware that this comment was made by the parent of a child who attends our specialist provision. Due to the needs of the children, staff in Rainbow Room speak individually with parents on a daily basis. We are a little confused as to what more information the parent feels we could share and the Rainbow Room leader will follow this up with the parent to gather their suggestions.</p>