



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

Summer 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, with a sample of your responses and my replies to the comments made.

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Head teacher

Parental Questionnaire Analysis, July 2024

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	80%	20%		
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	90%	10%		
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	85%	15%		
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy lane Nursery and Forest School	90%	10%		
5	I am treated like a partner in my child's education	77%	23%		
6	I feel informed about my child's progress	73%	27%		
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	90%	10%		
8	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	80%	20%		
9	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry, weekly home learning)	70%	30%		
10	I am aware and supportive of the schools improvement plan (shared in the Autumn term newsletter and available on the schools website)	75%	25%		
11	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	58%	42%		
12	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	60%	25%	15% also noted that they were not aware of children being involved in any conflicts	

13	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry messages, posters around school	80%	20%		
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	80%	20%		
17	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? (Please tick your answer)	I have had a previous child here 20%	From a friend/relative 35%	From the website or Facebook 30%	Other 15%
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>My son A is very pleased with the care and attention he has received from the teachers at your school. They have played a significant role in his development, and I am particularly grateful for their efforts in toilet training. I have the utmost respect for all the staff and teachers at your school.</p> <p>I feel the staff support in a stressful situation. Always there to listen and give advice when needed</p> <p>Staff are very approachable, helpful, patient, and friendly</p> <p>L loves everything about Nursery. He's has a lot going on over the past 5 months and still every day looks forward to nursery. When he was hospitalised and had to have some time off all he did was ask when he could go back to nursery. Nursery have been very understanding and supportive throughout it all.</p> <p>A has learned how to share and play with around others and sometimes with others.</p> <p>Everything has been great since starting at Sandy Lane G has become completely toilet trained and his vocabulary has grown massively. He is also so much more confident than he used to be</p> <p>Positively working with outside agencies. Hosting garden/forest school stay & play sessions. Rainbow room parent meetings.</p> <p>O has come on so much being at this nursery</p> <p>Help with learning English because A is Polish and at the beginning she had problems with English</p> <p>Has given my child the freedom to express and explore his own thoughts and feelings, and make friendships</p> <p>my son learned to use the toilet. gets along with peers in English.</p> <p>Building a sense of friendship</p> <p>My child's speech has come on leaps and bounds, and he sings songs to me at home he has learned at nursery.</p> <p>Made friends & is more confident</p> <p>Helped my daughter socialise with others, speak more</p> <p>School really help in toilet training, managing activities by their own.</p> <p>N behaves much better and she develops a lot since she's started nursery</p> <p>Keeping an eye on his behaviour and helping with his sharing.</p> <p>Speaking a lot more</p> <p>The sunshine room leaders Tegan and Holly make nursery drops off easier. They are very good with E and helpful and they update me regularly about what and how she's doing.</p>				
	<p>How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning?</p> <p>Excellent application</p> <p>Tapestry is good for a better outlook on my child's day. As it shows a learning time event she is involved in</p> <p>By sharing what my child does in nursery</p> <p>I can see what L is up to at nursery which is great because the only answer I get when I ask him is 'I played'.</p> <p>I get to see L within the day at nursery how he doing and how he is getting on.</p> <p>Giving ideas for at home</p> <p>the posts on tapestry help to give me ideas on ways to learn with G at home, when a post is put on about something he has done at nursery i will ask him about it and then if possible we will then try to do it at home as well</p> <p>It keeps us well informed and up to date on children's progress as well as communicating upcoming events etc.</p> <p>Keep me updated on thing O doing</p> <p>Very. All information is shared in the app</p> <p>Keeping updated makes me feel confident and comfortable with the school</p> <p>Thanks to the book with nursery and bags every Tuesday, my son is developing well and is becoming more and more curious about the world</p> <p>It's has been of great help</p>				

	<p>I feel updated about his days & feel included that I get to see what he's doing Very good Good Experience. Tapestry is good idea, I can easily see what is going on in nursery and how my child is doing. Shows me the activities my child is doing at nursery It has helped because it gives me ideas what to teach her and them things help with her learning progress.</p>
	<p>As a parent/carer, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? It provides a sense of belonging and a nurturing environment for my child. There have been no concerns or difficulties encountered. The friendly and welcoming staff that do an amazing job. And the support they give She enjoys and is safe in nursery The staff have been amazing over the 2 years that L has been at nursery. I feel very comfortable talking to them about anything I need to. The garden is great for L to run around and play lots of space for him. Anne is amazing with L he loves being around her. Everything I like the welcoming and supportive environment and I also think forest school is a lovely way for children to learn Sandy lane is a community for the children & their families. Staff are amazing with O Good atmosphere, teachers, The way that every teacher makes time for all children and treats all the same What I like most is the teachers' approach to the child and the parent. You can always talk about everything and learn a lot. thank you for doing this. you are the best I like the way the school involves parent in the growth and wellbeing of the children. Staff are loving and friendly towards the children and make them feel welcome Is a great place for kids to learn and play Good communication with parents on regular basis. Teachers and management. Space, communication, friendly environment, great teachers Has a welcoming atmosphere, staff are friendly. kids enjoy it I like that the office team are so helpful and always go out their way to reply fast to emails and phone calls. That really makes the nursery even better :) and I like sunshine room leaders Tegan and Holly they are very helpful with E and I can tell they make her feel safe and happy to come into the classroom when I leave.</p>
	<p>What could we change or make better? I have no further comments. I am completely satisfied with the results. Nothing You all are doing your best Happy with everything I am so pleased with G's experience at this nursery I can't think of anything that should change More parent/ family days We appreciate how much parents and carers enjoy these shared sessions with their children and we hold these as often as we are able. This term, across the classrooms staff have organized the following events - Sandy Lane Festival, Storytime in the Forest, Community Café visit, Father's Day celebration, Forest School Stay and Play. Since my son started nursery, he is always sick and it's giving me concerns. If parents could be advised to keep their ill kids at home till they become well, maybe it can help limit the spread of infections. Please don't worry if you're child gets coughs and colds etc when they start nursery, it is perfectly normal as they start to mix with a wider group of people and make new friends. The school also follows NHS guidelines for periods of absence after certain illnesses, eg If a child has been vomiting, we inform parents children must remain off school for 48 hours since the last episode. My child has gotten star of the week a few times, but I don't think he recognised that he has I think it would be nice if they got a little certificate or something to come home with he would be so proud of that. Staff put up a display in the classroom and children are provided with a sticker but we will certainly consider your suggestion, thank you Nothing right now We can increase home learning materials. We have a wide range of home learning that is shared, in addition to the weekly lending library, Tapestry home learning suggestions, maths/literacy/music bags are all sent home on a regular basis. If you have any suggestions of what other things we could share please let us know I think you are doing great job. Thank you for that Not sure Nothing</p>

It's a fantastic nursery the only thing I could suggest is maybe if the room leaders give updates on picks up, for example tell me if my child has eaten or drank that day :) but apart from that it's brilliant.

Garden Room and Sunshine Room both have a notice board in the classroom which is updated weekly with the snack choices. If you have any other suggestions please let us know. For parents who arrive on time to collect their child, staff are always available for a quick chat. If there is anything specific you would like to know please just ask staff and they will be happy to help.