



## Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

### "Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

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

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Head teacher

### Parental Questionnaire Analysis, June 2025

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	82%	18%		
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	86%	14%		
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	82%	18%		
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy lane Nursery and Forest School	89%	11%		
5	I am aware of what my child is learning in nursery e.g. through Tapestry posts, classroom displays, conversations with staff	61%	39%		
6	I feel informed about my child's progress e.g. through Tapestry posts, newsletter, classroom displays, conversations with staff	64%	36%		
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	79%	21%		
9	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry, weekly home learning)	57%	43%		
10	I am aware and supportive of the schools improvement plan ( shared in the Autumn term newsletter, displayed in the entrance and available on the schools website)	57%	43%		
11	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	48%	52%		

12	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	Not aware of any conflicts 61 %		Agree 39%	Disagree
13	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry posts, School Spider messages, posters around school	69%	31%		
14	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and school responds well to any concerns I raise	79%	21%		
15	The school is led and managed well	86%	14%		
16	I would recommend this school to another parent	86%	14%		
17	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? (Please tick your answer)	I have had a previous child here 24 %	From a friend/relative 31 %	From the website or Facebook 18 %	Other 27%
18	<b>For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers</b> There were no disagree responses				
19	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Managed her behaviour and improved her conversation skills  Building a sense of community and friends with other parents  Speech and language support, toilet training  Nursery has taught P how to be more independent  N got huge support from teachers, her speech improved, she learns good behaviour, and she getting support with making new friendships, what is most important for her, also she loves teach time (learning a lot of new things during teach time)  Tried different things with my child to help him focus for longer and things like that.  My daughter has improve a lot in nursery, she has more confidence than when she started nursery, she is making new friends and her speech improved thanks to the nursery.  Help towards C'S speech. Also has helped C play with her younger brother in a more friendly manner.  My daughter English language has very improved, she started to count and use some basic words in English. I think the teachers are very supportive for non English kids .  Speech and language referral and review  Helped to encourage potty training and speech  Speech and language  Language  Really helped with settling my child in school and really good with communication with us and really helping when asked . We had an issue with T's behaviour at home and addressed it with the school and got sorted pretty much straight away with out the hassle of asking over again to see if anything can be sorted out  Definitely can see P's speech is improving recently since he join in the school.  Not sure early days  Classroom staff are very supportive of R when he arrives into school upset. He settles in within minutes and clearly enjoys being with Jo Helen Holly and the rest of the ladies  Sandy Lane has/is helping I with all aspects of her learning and development and is a place she definitely feels safe, secure and most importantly happy.  Really helped with settling my child in school and really good with communication with us and really helping when asked . We had an issue with Ts behaviour at home and addressed it with the school and got sorted pretty much straight away without the hassle of asking over again to see if anything can be sorted out</p>				
20	<p><b>How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning?</b></p> <p>Informative  I feel updated  Help me a lot to know exactly what kind of nursery song or activities my daughter need to focus now  Tapestry helps me to continue learning at home by informing me about what my child is currently exploring and learning at nursery  Its helpful because keep me updated through the day  It's good how things are shared on tapestry with me to see how my child is doing and I just love the nursery  The app helped a lot, I can see what my daughter learns and helps me as well, giving me ideas of activities to do with her at home.  .It's updated a lot and gives us a lot of ideas to do as a family.  Weekly updates with pictures.</p>				

	<p>Gives an insight on what my child has been interested in          Keeping update with topics          Photos video and descriptions          Great          It's good          I love receiving photos of R with updates on what he has been doing throughout the week          I have been attending this kindergarten for too short a time for me to be able to answer this question</p>
21	<p><b>As a parent/carer, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?</b>          They are always friendly and approachable and helpful          Everything          The staff are friendly and approachable my daughter loves her teachers and is very excited every morning to go to nursery and see her teachers          The staff are incredibly kind, patient, and genuinely care about the children's wellbeing and development. Our child feels safe, valued, and excited to go each day, which says everything. We also really appreciate the forest school element - it's wonderful to see our child learning and exploring outdoors, building confidence, resilience, and a love for nature.          That's very lovely place, staff is very kind and helpful, for me the most important is my daughter going to nursery with smile on her face and she is very happy there          The teachers that have J there good to talk to and all the other staff are friendly to and it's just a nursery to come to for my child.          The staff taking care of I are incredible and go above and beyond to ensure we as parents feel happy and that I is well cared for.          What I like most is the inclusion and the warm and care from the teachers.          A like everything.          Friendly staff to parents and children, nursery clean inside and out,          Friendly atmosphere, interesting activities, the forest school and learning and playing.          One day in forest school          Friendly staff          My son happy going to nursery happy when I collect him          Teachers are friendly and helpful          I feel the staff are very good with communication with the parents and really helping to sort any issues out . I also feel the school and staff are very on form of anything that goes on that needs to be sorted between parents and help them understand their child          They do forest day          R looks forward to going and we can talk about nursery and what he gets involved with          I have been attending this kindergarten for too short a time for me to be able to answer this question</p>
24	<p><b>What could we change or make better?</b>          Lots of parents/carers said 'nothing' . A sample of the other comments we received are below          Keep going          At the moment nothing          I can't think of anything          I think nursery is well organised, its lovely place          I can't see anything that needs changing about the Nursery too make it better          It would be lovely to see more updates on Tapestry about their learning process and progress          More updates on tapestry on the children's activities.          More updates on what my child has been doing  <i>We all love to see the photos and observations staff share on Tapestry. As you can imagine, to post photos of every child takes time. Our priority it that staff engage with children to support and develop their learning which is why we limit the number of Tapestry posts. For children who attend our mainstream rooms, staff share updates on children's progress and next steps termly. For children in rainbow room, these updates are linked to children's personal plan reviews. For parents who feel more information would be helpful we ask that you make an appointment to speak with your child's key worker or room leader.</i>          I'm happy with everything          Everything is ok          I don't know at the moment.          I don't think anything really needs to change          Increase capacity to accommodate children eligible for 30-hour free early education entitlement.  <i>We would love to be able to offer more 30 hours places but we simply don't have the space to accommodate more children for a full day.</i>          More updates</p>

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