

Nursery Induction & Transition Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2021-22



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 definitely, it's a fab idea to get S used to his teachers

It helped us a lot as we were made aware of routine and what support and help is available for us as parents, and G if we needed it. We were asked about G so that I felt as though teaching assistants were aware of G's needs before he started.

It was really nice to meet Jamie, she was very welcoming and gave us lots of information about the nursery and A felt comfortable being left alone on her first visit with her.

It was very useful as I got to meet some of his teachers and learn more about the nursery which helped me feel a lot happier knowing he was going to be well looked after and learn and explore things he couldn't at home they were lovely and made us all feel at ease with the transition to nursery they also took the time to learn more about B's needs and took note on what can help him get through his nursery sessions

Yes was a nice visit

Yes, it allowed us as parents to get to know staff in the room and it allowed them to see O in his usual environment.

We got to meet the staff and ask any questions. Found it very helpful

Very useful. I was able to see how C responded to Jamie and it gave C a familiar face on her first day.

We found the home visit useful however we pretty much knew everything from L and L transitioning to Sandy Lane

Not applicable

Yes it was beneficial. Nice to meet staff before starting abs to have opportunity to discuss G's needs, to support his transition to Sandy lane

Yes very useful and helped settle my nerves knowing the staff members etc.

Everything was explained thoroughly. Made me feel at ease. Plenty of information given. All my child's needs were noted.

Very useful. Jamie was fab she gave us lots of info about nursery which was helpful for us to explain to Lottie what nursery would be like. She also took time to get to know L and find out things about her to help her transition.

Yes, I had more understanding of what H's day would be like and what support he will be getting

It was lovely to meet the staff who were going to be taking care of my child and it was a nice way for him to meet them before starting Nursery! Very helpful!

It was nice to meet his teacher

Yes it was useful, it helped to introduce T to some of the staff and it was useful for them to see how he responded to them.

Not particularly. We tried to explain to a member of staff about E-S biting and she was very dismissive about our concerns (Parents were very anxious that their 2 year old may bite other children as she does her older sibling at home. Following further discussion with parents they appreciate that this can be usual behaviour for some children of this age with limited communication skills)

Yes I found it helpful as me and H got to meet H's teacher and he seemed really at ease when we had a chat

It was useful as I could give information about her needs before she started and she got to meet some of the staff in a familiar environment

Yes, I got to ask questions and meet the staff. Made me feel at ease

Yes. It gave us an idea what child need to take to nursery and gave us a picture about activities he will be doing.

N/A

MC was pleased to meet Mrs. Jamie before starting Sandy Lane Forest and School, we were also happy.

Yes it was good for M to see her teachers in her own environment first.

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

In addition to the response of 'Yes' we received the following comments:

Most definitely, I also feel like the tapestry app is amazing

Yes I feel very happy with the transition and A absolutely loves coming to nursery each day and is learning lots of new things quickly which is lovely to see

Definitely

Plenty

Totally

Yes but I don't feel like what I said was taken on board. (This comment relates to the one above regarding biting. Further discussions have taken place with parents which have resulted in them now feeling much less anxious)

We think it is good; we are getting enough information from your side

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

In addition to the response of 'Yes' we received the following comments:

Everybody made him feel welcome

G has settled extremely well and that is down to the time that was taken by teaching assistants to get to know him

All the staff have been amazing and A loves coming to nursery

They allowed us to bring in his fidget toys so he had them if he needs them and they listened to my worries and concerns they were so reassuring and made it a much easier experience for me and B

I felt comfortable with the staff member's opinions on how he was getting on and the strategies they used to help him regulate.

Staff were very friendly and welcoming. R loves them. Teachers were very helpful in answering my questions

Yes. Jamie has gone out of her way to be available to C to make her feel safe at nursery.

Yes T was much supported

Yes great all around.

Definitely. Nothing has been too much trouble, from changing transition dates to suit G and tailoring his transition to best meet his needs - coming to the foyer to walk him in as he was getting upset me being there.

Staff have a warm friendly approach.

Fab! L loves nursery and learning. Her learning, socialising and communication has carried on going from strength to strength thanks to nursery.

Definitely

100% supported

His transition went really well

Staff are so welcoming and friendly

I believe that M has adapted very well as well as received very good support from your side

I was so worried about M starting nursery as she is my little shadow and doesn't leave my side and she's still so young but not even a full week into coming to nursery and she doesn't even cry when I leave her and is so happy to come to nursery!

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

Just would like to say it's a fabulous nursery and I'm so glad I sent S. Haven't got anything negative to say

We're more than happy with G's progress and how well he has settled. He sometimes struggles with routine but he is extremely happy with his new nursery!

"I would just like to thank everybody for their help with A's transition into the nursery, it's lovely to see her enjoying herself and being comfortable left with you all. As a nursery practitioner myself and A only ever being in the same building as me I was really worried about it all but it's been a lovely process and I couldn't be happier and feel we've made the right choice moving A to Sandy Lane! I love the little updates on tapestry too.

So thank you :)

The teachers in rainbow room have been amazing with B and myself they have supported us so much in the small time he has been there I couldn't ask for more they really do listen and help so much to ease my anxieties and make it a much more easier process for both B and myself Thank you to all of you B is loving nursery and already gaining so much from it

Happy with over all transition

It might be an idea to have time to meet all members of staff in person. It can be confusing in the beginning with many names being said to you. (In addition to the key worker sheet and room staff Tapestry post, parents get the opportunity to meet all staff during their child's initial visit to nursery. For organisational reasons we aren't able to arrange for the full room team to attend home visits)

Fantastic nursery. Lovely staff

I feel that the staff at Sandy Lane are much attuned to the children and understand children who have additional emotional needs and adapt their care accordingly. It's a lovely environment and C enjoys her time at nursery and loves Jamie.

Been excellent all the way through with J he loves it and when everyone has wrote him off he has been given a chance.

"The staff team have been wonderful, very supporting and reassuring. I feel confident that G is in an environment where staff are very skilled and experienced in meeting his needs and supporting G to develop. It is a fabulous setting, clean, lots of resources, welcoming - always a member of staff at the door to say good morning (appreciated when going to a new place).

A model of excellence! "

I'm enjoying seeing how he is and what he is doing on tapestry so lots of updates would be reassuring

It is lovely to see A settle so well in nursery. I have already seen a boost in A's confidence since she has started nursery. Staff have a warm friendly approach and always answer any questions I have without any hesitation.

"Would highly recommend Sandy Lane nursery.

The facilities within the room and playground is fab! Really encouraging for EYFS children to flourish.

The use of tapestry to communicate with parents is fab! Keeps us up to date and involved with L's learning. "

Everybody is welcoming and kind and makes it easier to leave your child knowing how well they are looked after

It took a little while but R finally goes into nursery happy and really enjoys his time there! I couldn't be happier with the way he is looked after.

Everything working for us perfect

So far so good. Very happy with how it has been for him.

It would have been helpful if members of staff had listened and then acted on our concerns (this comment relates to the parents' concerns regarding their 2 year old biting, see notes above)

All staff members have been really helpful and very reassuring, and have made H feel very welcome 😊

I feel it was a very smooth organised transition, she was made to feel very welcome by all of the lovely staff

Everything is fab

We have noticed a progress in some parts of his development even after only couple of weeks in nursery so we are very happy

Love Sandy Lane

We are very pleased with Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School, especially forest day for which we are grateful and thank you

We absolutely love the nursery and all of the staff and we can't thank you all enough for how well you look after the girls!