



Parent Survey – Autumn 2020

EYFS Parents' Evenings

Whilst this has not been the start back to the academic year we are usually used to, Great Sankey Primary is committed to ensuring we continue to liaise with parents / carers and listen to their views. It is usually the case that staff would be able to catch up with you daily on the school playgrounds at pick up and drop off times, however due to current restrictions this is more difficult. Following the autumn term parents' evenings in each phase, parent views are collated in a short survey to celebrate the successes and summarise any suggested areas of change.

Please find an overview of responses below:

How do you feel your child has settled into Nursery / Reception?

- Very well
- Really well
- She has settled really well. We couldn't be happier with her transition
- Really well
- Absolutely brilliantly, he is really enjoying it, has improved so much with his letter formation and is recognising more and more written words.
- Fine, no issues. The purpose of him being at nursery is to get him comfortable being apart from us and to socialise with other children and everything has been going well.
- She has settled in very well and enjoys coming to school each day.
- Very well, XXX loves school and talks positively every day about her experiences.
- Really well.
- He loves school he is enjoying it so much
- Really well, happily and confident
- My son has settled quickly into the nursery routine and goes in with a smile each morning. The staff have made it a pleasant and easy transition.
- Very well.
- Very well he loves coming into school
- XXXXXX has settled in really well and is excited about going to school every day.
- XXXXXX absolutely loves school! We knew she'd settle right in but could never have imagined just how well she has.
- Very Well
- Very happy and assured. Pleased with all the EY staff members who have made this experience positive and happy for my child especially as a new starter in the current circumstances.
- XXXXX has settled in very quickly and loves going to school. She can't wait to start more days with her friends!
- Very well

Is your child happy in Nursery / Reception?

- Yes
- Yes, very happy to come into school everyday
- She is very happy.
- Absolutely

- Yes, he has had no issues arriving in the morning and comes home happy.
- XXXXX is happy and talks about school non-stop about what she has learnt that day and especially likes playing outside.
- Yes, she seems very happy in school. XXX is excited to return after the half term break.
- Yes he loves Nursery.
- Yeah
- My son is very happy at nursery. He enjoys telling me about his day and who he's been playing with.
- Yes, he is excited to come to school each day.
- Yes very
- XXXXXX is very, very happy in Reception
- Yes, she loves it.
- Yes.
- Incredibly happy, she loves telling me about her day and I love hearing her stories.
- very happy

Do you feel your child has built relationships with the staff and other child in the Nursery / Reception areas?

- Yes
- Yes - she has settled in amazingly, it's like she's always been there. We're really happy at how quickly she is learning reading and writing skills.
- Yes. She has got a group of her little friends who we hear everything about.
- Definitely, he knows they are there to help and look after him.
- Yes, he speaks about them at home and already seems very fond of them.
- XXXXX comes home talking about the children that she has played with in the day and is always a different name each day. She says that all the teachers are lovely and kind.
- Yes, XXX talks fondly of the teachers and TA's she also mentions lots of girls and boys names and tells us about things she's been doing with her friends.
- Yes he thinks fondly of all the adults and has made quite a few close friends.
- Yeah he has lots of friends and he likes his teachers
- Yes, strong and positive relationships
- My son has quickly built relationships with the nursery staff and the other children. He has learnt a lot of the children's names.
- Yes, he regularly talks about his friends and teachers at home and loves to tell us what he's been getting up to.
- XXXXXX can be shy at times but she talks about the staff in school a lot. Sometimes she is reluctant to ask or tell staff something but I think this will come in time. I feel she has a positive relationship with staff.
- XXXXXX has made many new friends & speaks very highly of her teachers :)
- Yes never stops talking about school life and can't wait to come back after half term.
- Yes in particular with staff.
- She talks about her teachers all of the time and tells me that she really likes them. She was star struck when she saw them on Google classroom singing the welcome song and goodbye song. She wanted to show Daddy and teach him it too!
- Yes

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the first half term in school?

- Would be nice to know the structure of the days and what she is partaking in as we hear very little from our child
- We are happy with how you have been handling this Covid issue we are having and happy that XXX's education doesn't seem to have been impacted significantly
- In the current climate the school and teachers have done amazingly well and made the children feel welcome and kept everything as 'normal' as possible.
- I acknowledge it is hard to pitch work in a nursery (and repetition does no harm) but the google classroom work indicated the children are focusing on number 1 then number 2, then number 3 etc week by week. However XXXX can count and recognise all numbers to 100. So he could be finding this a little easy. As I say repetition does no harm, but the work seems to be pitched at the lower level of the group.
- Thank you for making it as normal as possible for XXXXX given the year we are in.
- We would like to thank you all so much for managing the first half term so well under very difficult circumstances. XXX clearly feels secure and nurtured in reception and we can see how well she is developing in such a short time.
- All the staff have been absolutely amazing with our little boy. We feel very lucky that he is in such a nurtured environment. Thank you all so much for making Isaac feel so welcome in his first half term.
- No
- The staff at GSP have been amazing, during what has been a challenging year for everyone. Communication is fantastic and there is always a friendly face at the school gate each day. The school environment feels positive and encouraging and I have two very happy children, who skip their way to school each morning.
- I've been really impressed with how quickly his writing and reading skills are developing so thank you for all the support you're giving him with that.
- No problems and my child was happy to return to school.
- We are delighted with how XXXXXX has settled in and how happy she is in school. Yet again, GSP have been amazing and are providing a safe, happy environment for the children. Well done and thank you. We couldn't ask for more!
- XXXXX has really settled in and has already learnt a lot so far. Thank you for all your hard work and making it so enjoyable for her.
- It's been a very hard time but managed extremely well by all staff and my son has felt comfortable and safe throughout I cannot thank all the staff enough for they have done and continue to do in this extremely strange time.
- Really happy with how the transition stages took place this helped the settling well. On a small point. Would be nice to know as it hasn't been clear on snack time and if milk/water is given at fixed times.
- XXXXX is making really good progress, she is becoming more independent and has become really interested in learning. She loves having the freedom to explore her surroundings and try new activities and tells me what she has been doing at school. She loves Ten Town and has started to spot numbers around our home and outside, she is proud of herself and her achievements, as are we! Thank you x
- XXXXXXXX is very happy going to school, I have no concerns!

We are really pleased that parents and carers are happy with the return to the new school year and that the children have settled in so well. Our virtual transition event has been well received and communication, relationships have been recognised as strengths. Some parents have wondered where they can find extra information about school life. In addition to the class twitter pages, classes have their own page on the school website and each phase also has a write up to share news on the school newsletter every two weeks. As an extra, Google Classroom is also utilised throughout the year. We are conscious of staff workload and duplication so feel that across these resources, a broad overview of school life is covered.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey – your views and comments are greatly appreciated as we continue to work the best we can in these strange times. As always, your support is hugely appreciated and it is important we continue to work in partnership.