

EYFS Parent/Carer Survey October 2015

After many positive comments from the parents of our new intake, we sent out a survey to ensure that we had everyone's opinions and could continue to provide the best possible start for all children. Below are some of the responses which were returned and what you told us.

Choosing the right school

"The information provided on the open evening was far more comprehensive than we had been given at other schools"

"Staff come across as very knowledgeable and enthusiastic."

"We looked at the Ofsted report, listened to parent recommendations and just got a feel for the school on our initial visit."

"Mereworth was the perfect size, distance from our house, good academic track record, friendly staff and safe environment."

Home/School Visits

"It was good to give parents the option of home/school....I also liked the balloon idea. My son couldn't wait to put the balloon outside to show his teachers where he lived!"



"The teachers had already started getting to know the children, which possibly meant a more meaningful conversation."

Teddy Bears Picnic

"I loved the Teddy Bears Picnic and felt it was a lovely way for a child to first encounter school!"



"A good introduction to the school environment in a relaxed setting."

"Really like the buddy system...it clearly works well."

"The information pack given to the children at the Teddy Bears Picnic was a great idea....the photos were a great way for the children to become familiar with people and the school routine."

"A good chance for the children to mix."

"We loved the guitar playing and story time under the tree."

Staggered Entry

"This worked particularly well... a lovely calm atmosphere"

"It made the transition easier."

"I enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of having the teachers at home & was pleased to see both."

"Worked really well.....I believe the children adapted really well to the longer days as a result."

Reading Workshop

"Parent workshops are extremely beneficial."

"Thorough and practical"



"Very helpful."

"The informal format worked well and the timing was good."

"Watching the video was great as it gives lots of great ideas."

Other Comments

"The first few weeks at school have been nurturing and well thought out."

"Very easy to share concerns at pick up."

"Mereworth is a fantastic little school and I will continue to voice that to local parents....full of happy kids and brilliant staff."

"It was clear that a lot of thought and care had gone into planning for the best start to school.....real dedication, care and commitment."

We are listening and considering your ideas for making the transition even better!

"Maybe organise a few stay and play sessions for parents in Term 2."



"On the home visits remind parents about signing up for Parent mail texts from school."

"Include information about the Buddy system in the invitation to the Teddy Bears Picnic."

"More notice about school events.....3-4 weeks where possible would be better."

"A separate Phonics workshop might be useful."