

## Questionnaire for Parents of Year R pupils: 2016/17

Thank you to all the parents who returned our questionnaire. We had 39 replies (43%) and thought you might be interested in the responses.

Have you and your family felt welcome at St Crispin's?

100% replied 'Yes'.

Did you find the Information Evening for New Parents, held last Summer, helpful?

100% of those able to attend replied 'Yes'. One family would have liked to meet the children's lunchtime staff. Although the midday staff are not at the Information Evening, we do make sure they are at the Teddy Bear Picnics - where the children can meet them.

Did you find the Parent Consultation at the beginning of the school year useful?

100% replied 'Yes'

Reasons the meeting was found useful included:

- useful and personal
- perfect opportunity to talk about each child as an individual
- good to meet the teacher and see the classroom
- great to be able to ask questions

At this consultation, did you feel there was enough opportunity for you to tell staff what you wanted them to know about your child?

100% replied 'Yes'.

1 family felt they would have liked to speak to the teacher in a different room from their child - in order to speak freely. We usually find that parents and children prefer to be in sight of each other at this meeting, but it is always possible to speak to a teacher in private - please feel free to ask for this.

Were you happy with the opportunities you had to make links with the school, before your child started?

100% replied 'Yes'.

Do you feel your child settled easily into school life?

100% replied 'Yes'.

However: A few parents felt their child struggled a little, because of their sensitivity. One parent felt the induction process was tricky and meant other people had to pick up their child - causing some anxiety. One parent would have like more children from her child's pre school to have been in her class.

Were you able to attend our meeting about Maths and Literacy?

100% of those who attended found the meeting useful.

Has the pack of resources you have been given been useful?

100% found the resource pack useful. "We use these regularly and our child loves them."

Is there anything else we should know?

Thank you for your comments telling us how pleased you are with the way your child has settled at school and thank you for letting us know how much you appreciate the hard work put in by all the Year R staff as well as our FLO and Speech/Language Therapist. We also note that you are happy with communication between school and home.

1 family felt the induction period was too long. We understand that some children are keen to start school full time very early on in the year, but feel it is important to spend time with children in smaller groups at first. We feel the proof of this is shown by all parents feeling their child settled well.

1 family would like to have had some feedback about their child prior to the first Parent Teacher Meeting in November. We have registered this comment and we do try to speak to parents in between Parent Teacher Meetings. Please feel free to speak to the teacher at any time about your child if you ever have any queries.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire. We are very pleased that the feedback was so positive and we thank you for your suggestions. If you feel that you have a concern about your child's introduction to school which has not been addressed, do please contact myself or a member of staff to discuss this in person.

With thanks

Mrs De Ellinor  
Headteacher