

Questionnaire for Parents of Year R pupils: 2017/18

Thank you to all the parents who returned our questionnaire. We had 48 replies (55%) 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 felt it was not made clear that parents would wait in the hall whilst children went to their Teddy Bear Picnic. We shall ensure we are more explicit about this next year.

Did you find the Parent Consultation at the beginning of the school year useful?
98% replied 'Yes'

Reasons the meeting was found useful included:

- gave us a chance to pass on key information about our child
- smoothed out any concerns or worries
- gave parents time to talk about their child as an individual
- gave our child time to settle in the new surroundings of the classroom
- made us feel more confident about our child starting school
- had all our questions answered
- the teacher learnt about our child's needs and personality

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

98% replied 'Yes'.

1 family felt the meeting was not long enough.

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?

94% replied 'Yes'. 6% (3 parents) replied 'Yes and No' - 2 families felt their child had taken longer than most to settle, but were pleased with the support provided by the school - 1 family felt their child was still settling in.

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. "It was easy to understand and use."

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 the progress he/she has made so far. Thank you, also, for letting us know how much you appreciate the hard work put in by all the Year R staff as well as our SENCo. We are also pleased to note that nearly everyone is happy with the communication between school and home.

1 family felt the half days in September were difficult because of work commitments and because their child was used to being in child care for a full day. We do understand that some children are keen to start school full time very early on in the year. We also appreciate the inconvenience for parents juggling work and childcare when the children are part time. However, we thank you for your support, as we feel it is so important to spend time with children in smaller groups when they first start at St Crispin's. We feel the proof of this is shown by so many parents feeling their child settled well.

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