

Questionnaire for Parents of Year R pupils: Autumn 2015

Thank you to all the parents who returned our questionnaire. We had 47 replies (52%) 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'.

Did you find the Parent Consultation at the beginning of the school year useful?
100% replied 'Yes'. One family was unable to attend.

Reasons the meeting was found useful included:

- Makes you feel your child is cared about as an individual not just a headcount
- It put my mind at ease; I was quite anxious about my first child going to school
- Good to meet the teacher on a one-to one basis before child starts school
- Allowed my child to feel comfortable so that on her first day at school she didn't look back
- Helpful for us to meet staff
- We liked that staff had time to hear about each child's individual needs
- I could make the teacher aware of my personal family situation in confidence

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 there was too much paperwork involved.

2 families would have liked prior information regarding the questions asked, in order to be better prepared. We shall make this information available at the Teddy Bear Picnics next year.

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?

96% replied 'Yes'.

2 families said 'No' - one struggled with the large class sizes and one was disappointed she was not with her older sibling at the school.

Of the children who did settle well: one felt anxious at times; one struggled with school dinners and 2 families felt that the children were part time for too long.

Were you able to attend one of our meetings 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.

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 your appreciation of the hard work put in by all the Year R staff. We also note that you like the whiteboards outside the classrooms as a source of communication.

1 family would like us to provide an after school club until 6 pm. This is not something we are currently able to provide, but some of our after school clubs are open to Year R pupils.

1 family would like more evening slots for parent teacher meetings. If any parent is unable to make an appointment using the times on offer, do please let the class teacher know.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire. We are delighted that the feedback was so positive and are genuinely grateful 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