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EYFS Parent Survey

Question 9: Please add further comments regarding your child's experience or arrangements for starting school



- ◆ My daughter was really excited about having Mrs Catlow visit her at home before she started school and thoroughly enjoyed the time which they had together. It gave the opportunity for them to get to know each other without having to wait until September. We are delighted at how she has settled and the progress she is making
- ◆ The 3 half day sessions were very good, and going into school for lunch is a very good idea
- ◆ It is well thought out and has given my child comfort and ease going to school. Mrs Catlow is wonderful!!!
- ◆ It would be nice to see the children's work books more often, if they could be sent home (and provided they were returned on time of course). Maybe if they could be sent home at the point of completing each book, or could they possibly be scanned in and emailed to parents (though that is quite an administrative burden). It would then be easier to talk to the children about what they have been doing in school if we can see it also, particularly for the parents that are in full time work.
- ◆ Couldn't ask for a better start at school for my daughter. Lovely school, Mrs Catlow and the support staff are outstanding and have made my daughter feel safe, happy and included from the start. Cannot comment on the afternoon sessions or dinner as unfortunately we were on holiday so missed them.
- ◆ Mrs. Catlow is the perfect teacher for any child starting school. She is warm, approachable, caring, and nurturing. She understands the needs of each child and helps them to develop and grow. We have seen our daughter blossom since starting school and we strongly believe that's down to the wonderful staff and the caring nature of the school. We couldn't be happier.
- ◆ Exceeded expectations. Teachers are dedicated and hardworking. I couldn't think of a better school to place our child in.

School response and next steps ...

- ◆ Involve all EYFS staff in home visits
- ◆ Introduce formal visit to nurseries/pre-schools to visit new starters in pre-school settings
- ◆ Review contents of welcome pack
- ◆ School lunch to be held on one day to enable all parents/children to meet one another
- ◆ Hold an afternoon tea party for current EYFS and new starters
- ◆ Revise content of Parents Evening talk
- ◆ Introduce regular Stay and Play sessions
- ◆ Host open afternoons and mornings for parents to see the purpose and value of continuous provision
- ◆ Introduce new style of learning journeys to enable parents to be more aware of progress in school