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Please summarise your child's first term in school...

- I feel so happy that we chose Pondhu. It's extremely welcoming. Special events seem well organised and well communicated. Star learner and the assembly once a week is so special for all to be part of. Such an encouraging and rewarding environment! Thank you to everyone at Pondhu.
- He has settled into school life a lot better than we thought he would and learnt a lot already.
- Amazing !!!
- He has settled in well to Reception and the staff have been very helpful. He is enjoying learning to read sounds and is beginning to blend. He is starting to make friends with his peers and is developing some social skills.
- Very happy and is keen to learn.
- I'm very thankful to all school staff. My daughter has been successfully improving her knowledge in all school subjects, especially in English. Within a very short period of time she has learned a pretty huge amount of words. She always says that the school, children and teachers are amazing. She loves it!
- He has settled really well. He loves coming to school. He always speaks about what he's learnt at school.
- He has enjoyed his first term – his confidence has grown and he looks forward to attending school.
- He seems to be doing well so far. Has made a lot of progress with reading, writing, number work. Overall very happy with the first term at Pondhu.
- She loves school. She loves trailblazing days, always tells me and her dad about what she does. Very happy with her progress and the school itself.
- She seems very happy and confident with school. We are very happy with the care she is given and the staff are very approachable about any problem we may have. I like the consistency with dealing with instances in school. Also appreciate good communication from school.
- He seems to be thriving in reception. He has already achieved great progress in phonics and maths and confident. He always tries his best and gets involved and feels willing to learn. He understands each activity throughout the day and loves the topics that have been covered so far. I feel that he really enjoys school life and feels comfortable in the environment he is in.
- He has settled into school beautifully and has progressed well! He comes home and loves telling me about his friends, his books and his rhymes and songs. He also enjoys explaining his pictures with confidence.
- She looks forward to being at school. I feel that her reading and writing is coming along



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brilliantly and she likes to tell me some things she does at school.

- Settled in well. Happy to go to school. Speaks about different things/activities that she does in class. A bit scared at first at lunchtime, came home crying saying she didn't want lunch at school but once the teacher sat with her a couple of times she then settled in.
- He has settled in well and enjoys school. We had reservations as his birthday is in August so he's very young but he seems to be coping well and enjoys his learning.

I / my child found the home visits and meetings in July helpful in preparing my child for school...

- Although I have done it 5 times it is just as helpful.
- Stay and play sessions were especially helpful.
- I found this lovely. Getting his book bag felt very special at this time and memorable. Mrs Rundle and the TA who came gave lots of time and it didn't feel rushed.
- It really helped my son to understand what would happen when he started school.
- Definitely beneficial, he got to know class mates and teachers which helped to settle him.
- She was excited about starting school. On the same day she wanted a picture taken with her book bag and uniform.
- We found the visit before Nursery of more benefit as she didn't know the teacher or school at that stage. It was useful to have the work books given to us at that time.
- Meeting his teachers and having book bag was useful. Play and stay sessions were fantastic. Found learning the characters in the reading books also great.
- It was great meeting the teachers before starting school – made the process easier for everyone.
- She was very happy to see the teacher at home and speak with her. Did a few puzzles.

My child is happy and settled in school...

- A lot better than I thought he would.
- Took a while but teachers put in some amazing ways to help him feel comfortable.
- I'm delighted how quickly he seemed to settle.
- Very happy
- He has settled in really well.
- Has settled in very well – better than we thought he would!
- As far as I am aware he is settling well at Pondhu.



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- She has settled a lot better in Pondhu than her last school.
- My son has a really happy approach to school and enjoys being at Pondhu.
- My son loves school and has settled in well.
- Enjoys school.

I feel confident discussing my child with school staff...

- I find every TA and the teacher extremely approachable and I'm confident any issues are well communicated to all TA's.
- Having regular TAC meetings help.
- Friendly
- I feel confident.
- All of the staff in my son's class are lovely and I can speak to all of them with any issues I may have.
- Teacher and assistants are all very friendly and easy to talk to.
- The teacher is amazing, very friendly and very helpful.
- Any concerns/questions are always dealt with. All staff available to listen and help.
- Having already met once with a teacher regarding my son, I am very confident.
- Teacher always available to listen to any concerns or questions.

My child is making good progress...

- He has learnt a lot in a short space of time.
- Coming on leaps.
- When he wants to! (That is his issue of control though)
- I'm so surprised how fast he could start reading words. He amazes me every day with what he learns at school.
- She's started to use some English sentences. She counts in English and is able to calculate.
- He has come along lovely.
- Very pleased with his progress.
- Has progressed very well.
- Really pleased with the school report at Parents evening!
- He has learned so much already! I am very proud.
- Received good comments/feedback from the teacher.