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Reception Parents Questionnaire December 2016

Please summarise your child's first term in school.

- Thank you very much. She has had a fantastic start in Reception. We could not have wished for more care from the lovely Reception team. There is always someone available to talk to if we need it and she feels safe and happy. She is so excited about all that is going on in school and her fantastic teacher.
- He has really enjoyed coming to school. Making great progress.
- He has grown in confidence since starting reception, although he is behind in some parts of school I feel the staff are encouraging and supportive to help him achieve and grow in all aspects.
- He has enjoyed his first term. He has amazed me with his reading. He's progressing well and after a great parent's evening we feel he is just fine.
- She loves going to school and telling us about the things that she is learning. She has immersed herself in school life which is why despite recently moving to Roche we have kept her at Pondhu. Thank you!
- She loves going to school but I feel that she may need more help and encouragement for reading and concentrating as she tends to daydream a lot and not listen.
- She has really enjoyed her first term. She really wants to get up and come to school, long may this continue. She is also teaching me Makaton which I'm loving. Many thanks.
- He has loved going to school and the new challenges it brings. Being an older born (Oct) he was getting bored at Nursery so has thrived at school. He loves reading and being at school full time, is it possible to have a snack at afternoon play as he comes out starving?
- Despite being a bit tearful at first he has settled in well. He is always full of chat about school in the evenings and he is happy to come.
- Considering it's only her first term I feel there is certainly progress in numbers, letters and also self-confidence around other children.
- She is really enjoying school, she has made new friends and is very fond of the teachers / TA's in her class. We are very happy with everything.
- He has settled in well, he loves to read and do his maths. We have had some issues where he has cried during lunch but I think that he has settled in enough now that they are a thing of the past.
- She has loved school, always excited to go.
- She has matured and I am pleased with the progress she is making.
- She loves school and all her teachers and is accelerating so much.



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- He was mentally exhausted at the end of half-term but was happy to return as enjoys playing with his friends and having a wide choice of books to read.
- He has really enjoyed making new friends and learning new things. We are very thankful for everything that Mrs Bunt and the rest of reception staff for helping him achieve so much.
- Seen a big development in his character and behaviour, he has really grown up and enjoying sharing what he learns. A great start to his First School year. Thank you.
- Really happy with the way he is included in everything and the friends he now has.

| Specific questions | Yes/No | Comments |
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| I found the home visits and meetings in July helpful in preparing my child for school. | Yes | <p>Very informative and engaging with our son to explain school.</p> <p>Yes definitely helped myself as Mum feel more confident. It was really reassuring to share any worries we had. Mrs Bunt also referred to these conversations at our parent meeting in November which showed great care. She really appreciated seeing a face she knew in September.</p> <p>It was lovely for him to meet Mrs Bunt and Mrs Guest before the start.</p> <p>She really enjoyed the sessions and Mrs Bunt and Mrs Prove visiting us at home.</p> <p>Teachers don't have enough time to discuss things, so didn't feel properly informed.</p> <p>Very helpful.</p> <p>Thought this was a very good idea. Meeting the teacher before school.</p> <p>Made everything a lot easier and made her comfortable. He enjoyed the one on one explanation of what's to come.</p> <p>Found this was personal to and for him and helped set the path to day 1 – plus brother had a visit last year so was expecting it.</p> |



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| | No | <p>He is my third so I knew what to expect plus it was super rushed. Maybe have longer sessions for first time nervous parents.</p> <p>Cannot comment on this as I unfortunately wasn't home. I didn't get a home visit.</p> |
| My child is happy and settled in school. | Yes | <p>I feel he has settled in well with children and teachers. Loves going, sometimes feels lonely but when spoken to teachers he's fine.</p> <p>We can't stop her doing things for school at home – she is so inspired!</p> <p>She has formed strong friendships and enjoys coming to school.</p> <p>She has lots of friends and she can happily talk to teachers/staff.</p> <p>Loves everything (in his own moody five-teenager way!)</p> <p>He always comes home ready to regale stories.</p> <p>She looks forward to school every morning and speaks highly of the staff, in particular Mrs Bunt.</p> <p>She has made lots of friends and is very settled in school.</p> <p>She loves school and enjoys seeing her teachers and friends.</p> <p>Loves it.</p> <p>He loves everything about school.</p> <p>Very settled – been a great start.</p> |
| I feel confident discussing my child with school staff. | Yes | <p>The teachers/staff are very approachable and supportive. Always happy to help. Mrs Hall is amazing with him.</p> <p>All the reception team are very approachable and very caring!</p> <p>All staff within reception are approachable and know what's going on with her, particularly Mrs Guest and Mrs Bunt.</p> <p>There is always an adult available in the morning.</p> <p>The school has been very helpful especially Claire.</p> <p>The teachers/staff are very friendly and are easy to talk to.</p> <p>I find that all staff have been very helpful.</p> <p>Very friendly and welcoming.</p> <p>All of the staff have been very helpful and welcoming.</p> |



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| | | Staff are very helpful and approachable for anything. |
| My child is making good progress | Yes | <p>He has made good progress and staff are always encouraging to reach his potential. His reading is outstanding. Very happy. We are very grateful for all the team are doing for her. She is making tremendous progress – better than we could have hoped for. We really enjoy supporting her at home and seeing how well she is doing. Flying through books. He has made such progress in this first term – it’s brilliant. As she had very little pre-school I think she is catching up slowly. She has really progressed so far and is always keen to tell me about her work. She is on target and above. He is progressing in leaps and bounds. I am very pleased with his progress.</p> |
| | No | I feel that she needs more help and understanding. |

