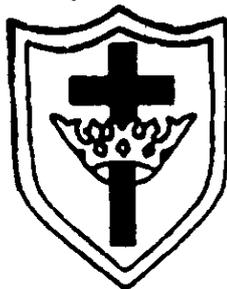


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FOUNDATION STAGE INDUCTION PROGRAMME – PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Parents & Carers

March 2015

Thank you for responding to our questionnaire. I am delighted that your children have settled well into our school family. I have responded in **red** to some of your comments where appropriate.

1.) The evening meeting for parents in June gave me all the information I required

Agree

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Disagree

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Comments:

Very Informative x2, Lots explained and I felt a lot more informed and happy after attending the meeting. It seems a long time ago now, it was informative and helpful, I do think it would have been less chaotic in the classrooms if two meetings were held so only half the amount of parents would be looking around a class at one time. It was also good to meet the teachers at the end. Plenty of time to ask questions. Second child in the school so a good refresher. We didn't get a chance to meet the class teachers as there were lots of parents wanting to do the same, which was a shame.

2.) The induction pack was very informative and helpful

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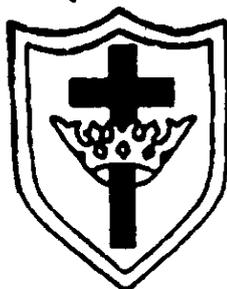
Comments:

Great to refer back to the pack. Very Comprehensive. Lots of it! It was helpful it was colour coded and there was a check list. All and more than was needed. Lots of useful information. A more detailed guide on where to drop off and collect would have been handy as this initially was confusing. Colour coded was a great idea.



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3.) The home visit was worthwhile (If you requested one)

Comments:

It was a chance for my daughter to meet teachers as she was unable to attend changeover day.

4.) The arrangements for starting school – staggered start times; gradual introduction into school – helped my child to adapt to the new routines and expectations of school

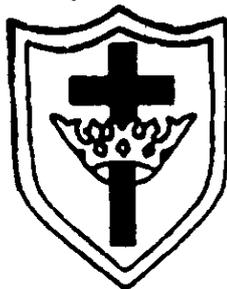
Comments:

Didn't use, straight in full time second week, thank you for thinking about working parents. My child started part time for the first term, teachers were accommodating and happy for her to be introduced to school gently, and given lots of support and help. Very happy to start slowly – much easier for child. Brilliant idea, my child is a summer baby so still quite young, she found it easy and not too tiring. I thought it worked really well. It was a good transition from Pre school to full time school. My child was part time until half term which I feel eased them into school at a nice pace. It was a good introduction but not sure how much it helped my child settle. This definitely helped my child as they had only ever done mornings at playgroup. Being able to decide when a lunchtime pick up was needed even when we were trying full time was very much appreciated. School were very flexible to have my child start full time earlier than arranged (Due to loving it so much!) We felt the gradual and flexible start really helped my child to settle so well. My child settled straight in. So glad older children were allowed to start full time straight away. Started full time as it would have been difficult and more disruptive to my child with childcare arrangements. Seemed to work well. I thought my Summer born child would struggle with the transition to full days, however they coped well, so it worked for us, thank you! Would consider a bit of a slower more staggered one next time as my child got very tired but as he was already 5 in September he did eventually adapt. Excellent, really helped children settle. Staggered collection times would have been beneficial as it was very hectic with all the parents and children coming and going all at once, it would also have been good to have 10minute chat with the teacher after the first week to discuss any initial concerns / settling in issues. Had to change my arrangements at the last minute due to the early arrival of second child, school and teachers were very understanding.



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5.) My child has had a happy induction into school

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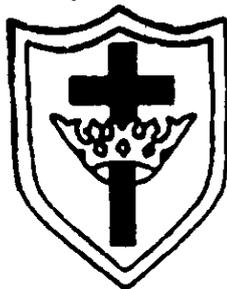
Comments:

After a bumpy start my child now seems to have settled. Moved over from Blackbirds with many of their friends still in their class. My child loves school x 2. One or two hard days when my child didn't want to go to school – but staff were very helpful. My child has settled far quicker than I had ever expected, and has enjoyed every day so far. I'm not happy with how my child is progressing and how their behaviour is being dealt with. Settled quicker than I thought. Brilliant start to school life – thoroughly enjoying it. My child is excited about going to school. Very happy starting school and settled in very well. My child relies heavily on older sibling at playtime, and says they don't like it when their friends are naughty in class! So we still have some bad days. My child has loved starting school and is happy and stimulated. We have been pleasantly surprised how well our child has settled into school as we had feared it would take a long time. Mrs Terzian made my child feel very welcome and they settled straight in, my child has always been happy. My child has settled in really well and is so enthusiastic about their learning. Has seemed very happy and likes going to school and forming new friendships. A few teething problems, quickly resolved by Mrs Leslie. Yes, thank you, My child enjoys school. Mostly - had a few upsets but not down to school, due to Chartwells. My child has never been happier.



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6.) Information provided by the school has been helpful and sufficient

Agree

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Disagree

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Comments

ParentMail is really good, great way to keep updated with info. Great to have ParentMail, easy to have it on phone/computer as can't lose paperwork. A lot to get through at first but informative. Very happy with ParentMail. Very organised with sharing information. Fantastic contact both via letters home and email. Information is always very clear and helpful. The emails are very helpful. Helpful – yes, Sufficient – Don't know as I don't know what I don't know. Excellent. I felt I could have had more information on the children's day, when they have snacks/milk times etc, just to gauge how my child would be after school, however I asked and received this information straight away. Information that is provided is always helpful, in time and informative. Email is great / Tufnell Times / Refer to on my phone all the time, so I don't miss things (hopefully). Always getting lots of information being emailed through. Been given time when needed to discuss anything. Headteacher has been very good in dealing with any issues I have had.

7.) I found the workshop about teaching in the Foundation Stage informative. (If you did not attend the information can be found on our website)

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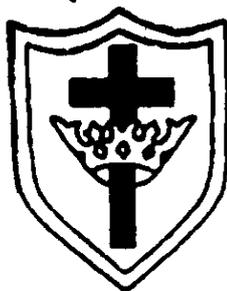
Comments:

Unable to attend x 8. Didn't see paperwork. Very Helpful. Important to have information available in both ways to meet personal choice and availability for all parents. Husband attended and found it informative. Very informative and helpful for parents new to the school.



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Any other comments not covered in the questions

Amazing staff and support throughout the school, my child is so settled when I really thought they may struggle. Thank you very much! Very good so far – happy parent and happy child. Has already picked up so much since starting school – reading, spelling etc is really coming along already. Fab! My child has settled well and is very happy, Mrs Lesley and Mrs Baldwin (and covering teachers) are all very supportive, nurturing and friendly. It took me a while to work out which was the teacher and which was the teaching assistant especially with them both having the same name. Mrs Lesley was right that it confuses the parents not the children. I suspect Nick Clegg didn't consider the significant implication on 'settling in' that school dinners could have on young children! However, I think BTI school has had a flexible and supportive approach to this issue. It would be good to have another parents meeting soon with teachers to hear more about their progression, as the other one was very early on and not sure whether I need / should be doing more reading practice etc with our child, but then he is not that keen..!!! I have felt very happy with the level of support for my child. Mrs Leslie is always very welcoming and I feel able to approach her about any questions or concerns. Thank you. Very happy with school, my child gets upset when it is the weekend because they don't have school. The new curriculum has made a huge difference to learning. My child has progressed much quicker than my eldest child three years ago. The use of grid words is excellent. I feel the teachers and staff have all been great in giving my child the right start in school. My child has learnt so much in the first term and looking forward to much more. On the whole my child now seems happy and settled at school and is loving the routines. I am very happy with how they are developing.

