 Barningham CEVCP School

September 2018

Dear parents and carers of children in Rabbit Class,

A great first few weeks in the Rabbit Class! Please would you take a few moments to let us know how you felt about the schools transition process last term by completing this survey? We are reviewing our transition ideas and appreciate your feedback and ideas to help us provide the best first experience of school possible.

Thank you, Miss Garland and Mrs Duncan ☺

**How would you describe the transition activities: very helpful** (6) / helpful / not helpful

**My child found it:**

* Interesting and reassuring
* Fun
* Really helpful and we felt it helped with what to expect when he was to start full time
* Fun & enjoyed playing & meeting new friends
* Excellent. Really helped that he got to know his teachers & was then familiar with his classroom when September came
* Different to nursery, ok once settled in – a little scary going in without mummy.

**We felt that the school:**

* Caring and listened to our worries and concerns
* Really thought about how to calm her nerves
* Provide great opportunities for ensuring children have a smooth transition
* Has been very informative & pro-active. Very welcoming & friendly
* Great environment & made settling in go well.

**The length and timing of the transition was:**

* Good, my child got an idea of how things are in the class and what cars/ toys there were to play with
* Very good. Particularly being able to join in for lunch at a session
* Just right, although I do think it could maybe change days so the children could spend time with both teachers
* Perfect and has given my daughter enough time to gain confidence in school
* Just right
* Fine.

**Please tell us how your child felt on starting Rabbit Class in September?**

* Excited to start, we had minimal worries & she can worry/ be shy in the past
* Excited, especially the puddings at lunch times!
* He was really excited to start and it helped that he knew what to expect
* He was very excited to start school
* She had been looking forward to starting & fortunately loved being at school
* Tearful and clinging to parents, but after settling in ok.

**The most useful aspects were:**

* Feedback from teachers and questions/ worries answered
* He knew the classroom already, the hall and where he would be playing
* Everything. Thank you!
* Playground activities, meeting new friends and teachers
* Having lunch so he knew what to expect & where he would be. 4 sessions were very good & it got him to be very familiar with his teachers & classroom which I felt was very helpful & important, especially when it’s a new challenge. Also that he could meet the other children.
* Transition afternoons & we’ve found Tapestry helpful too

**It would have been useful to have known:**

* Nothing. Very well done! Thank you.
* Half days initially as I feel the transition would have been slightly easier. I have been really impressed with how Barningham do their transition compared to other shools
* Nothing. I think it would’ve been better for a first day at school to be on a Thursday rather than a Friday.
* A little more about the lunch seating and how school lunch is served to the children.