



5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents,

### Results of Nursery and Kindergarten Parent Survey 2023/2024 Academic Year

Thank you to all of you who responded to the recent annual parent survey. We use the data to support the forward planning of the school. Your feedback is invaluable and complements the feedback we receive via our regular contact with you. I am always appreciative of this as it helps inform our planning and ensures we are working closely with you, so thank you for your time and effort in delivering this to us.

#### Strengths of Forest Preparatory School

The parent community are very satisfied with Nursery and Kindergarten life at Forest Preparatory School, with the vast majority of parents describing the Nursery and Kindergarten, as a happy place in which children develop academically and socially. Parents feel very positive about the very experienced and consistent teaching team, which rarely changes.

There is a very clear sense of what most parents regard as the primary strengths of the Nursery and Kindergarten. The most common responses were:

- The school has a strong community feel, much like a family.
- Fantastic teaching team who have a real passion for education. They are approachable and always available to discuss your child's development.
- Good class sizes
- High academic standards with the curriculum promoting learning through play.
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The following table lists the questions which achieved an outstanding score of 100%

Question	% who graded strongly agree or agree
Child enjoys coming to nursery	100%
The nursery is secure and welcoming and safeguards my child effectively	100%
The nursery actively promotes good behaviour	100%
Children have many opportunities to develop socially and emotionally	100%
Teaching in the nursery enables my child to make progress	100%
I receive regular and helpful information on my child's progress	100%



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### Priorities for Academic Year 2023/24

A small number of parents cited areas that they would like to see changes so I would just like to provide some reassurance on these pointers:

- **Uniform for Nursery and Kindergarten**  
Some parents expressed a preference for a more casual uniform for Nursery and Kindergarten children. Currently, the uniform for the younger children is slightly different, with children wearing a polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie to accommodate their needs. A uniform is still required as they are very much part of the school and this helps to identify their belonging, along with helping them to prepare for school.
- **School Events and Attendees**  
We host several events throughout the year where parents or grandparents are invited, as we want you to feel involved and very much appreciated. The children love showing off their work and seeing you in their setting. Please also be aware that if a grandparent is not able to attend, a family member or friend is always most welcome.

We understand that work commitments can make attendance challenging. To assist with planning, all events are listed in advance on the school calendar, available on our website at <https://www.forestschool.co.uk/calendar>. If an event specifies the presence of a parent or grandparent, we are always happy to accommodate significant others.

I hope that this is all good news. It comes as a direct result of your input for which I am very grateful.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the survey results, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Headmaster