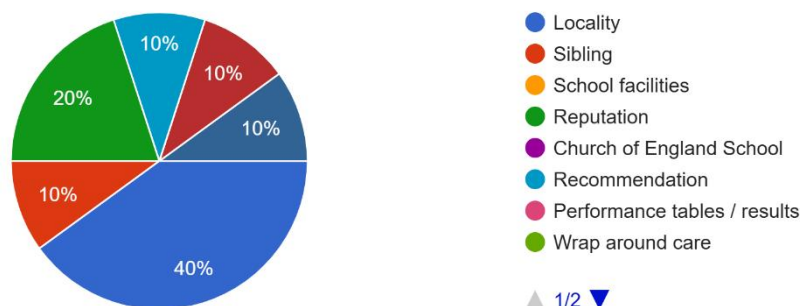


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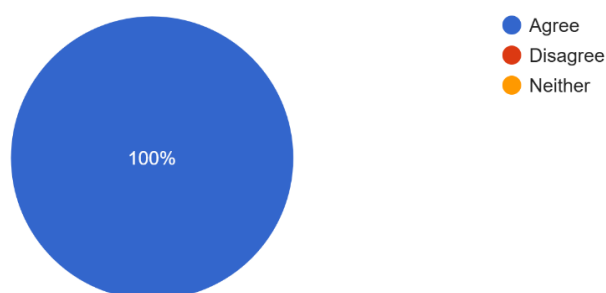
Why did you choose Barkisland CE VA Primary School as a choice for your child?

10 responses



The communication we received from the school once a place had been confirmed gave us enough information about the transition process

10 responses

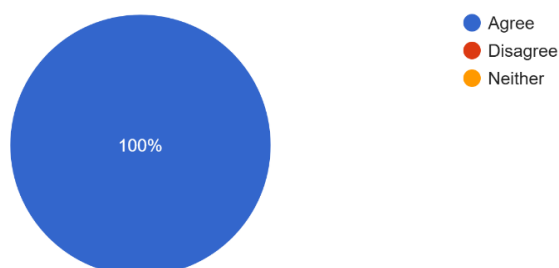


Additional comments:

The information evening was an added bonus.

The Information Evening (held in June) gave us enough information about school life and starting school.

10 responses



Additional comments: Very informative and have me all the knowledge I needed for his start.



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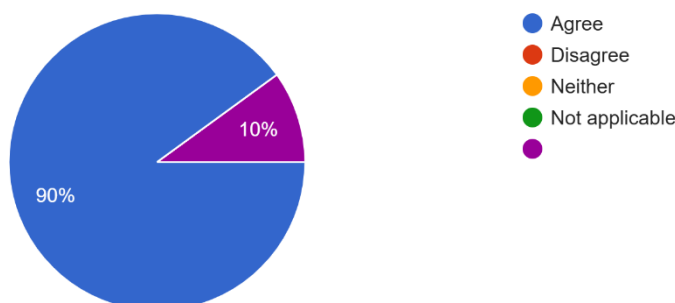
What were the benefits of your child attending Nursery then moving to Reception (if your child attended our Nursery setting)?

Overall, parents reported that the transition from nursery to reception was smooth and positive. Key factors contributing to this included familiarity with the school environment, routines, and staff, as well as existing friendships. Many parents highlighted that their children were already comfortable with the EYFS setting and Kids Club, which helped them settle quickly and confidently.

In summary, the continuity of environment, staff, and established routines was consistently cited as making the move into reception straightforward, reassuring, and enjoyable for children.

The Transition Day helped my child become familiar with the staff in the unit

10 responses

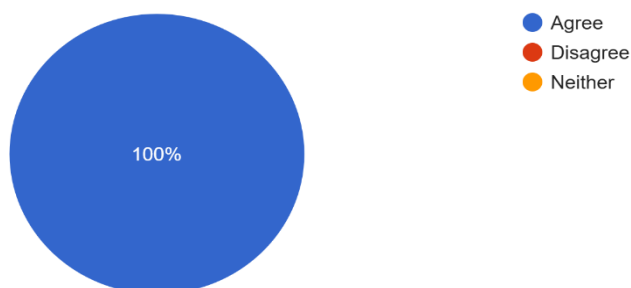


Any suggestions / improvements recommended for the settling in process:

Parents consistently praised the staff as caring, nurturing, and approachable, noting the strong support provided to both children and families

I feel that I had enough information to support my child when starting Reception

10 responses



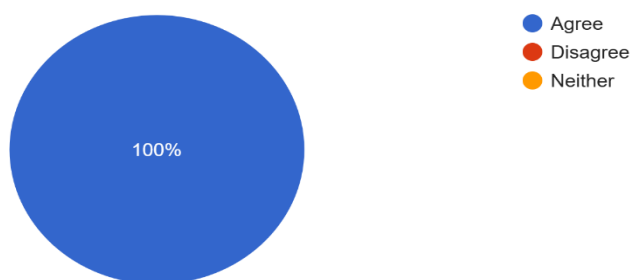
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comments:

100% all helpful information.

Starting school full time in September enabled my child to settle in well into the school routine.

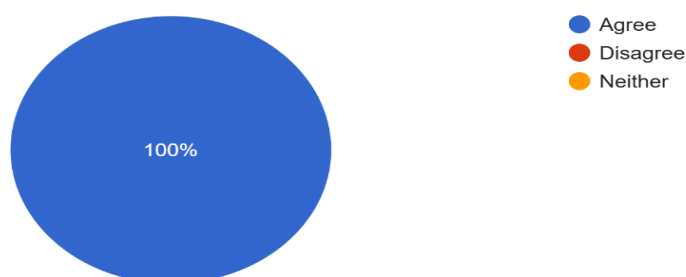
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Additional comments: Parents generally felt that starting reception full time from the first day worked well for their children. Many highlighted that children who were already familiar with the nursery routine adapted quickly to five days a week, appreciating the consistency and structure of normal school life. Parents also noted that a phased start might have been confusing for some children, particularly those who thrive on predictable routines. Overall, full-time attendance from the outset was viewed positively and supported a smooth transition into reception.

I feel that the Early Years Unit staff know my child well

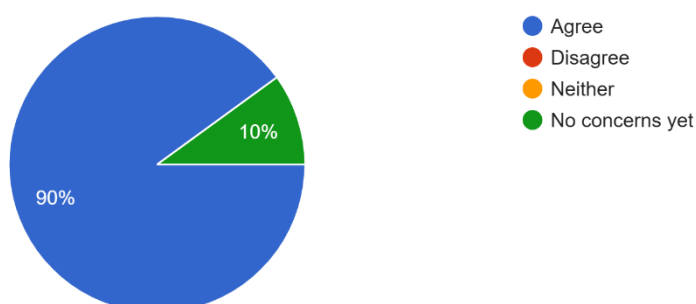
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Additional comments: Parents consistently praised the EYFS staff for their dedication, care, and personal attention. Staff were highlighted for their deep understanding of each child, and parents noted that teaching assistants also know the children well and build strong relationships. Children feel valued and supported, both in and outside the classroom, and parents described the staff as passionate, approachable, and attentive. Overall, the team's commitment to nurturing positive relationships was a key factor in children settling happily into school life.

I found it easy to approach school staff with my concerns.

10 responses

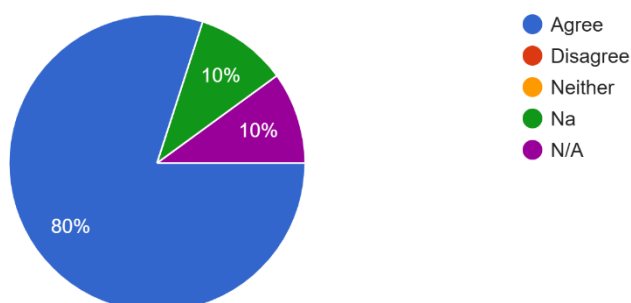


Additional comments:

I haven't needed to raise any concerns at all yet. But if I needed to ask anything at all. I feel all staff across early years are very approachable and will go there best to answer or deal with any queries.

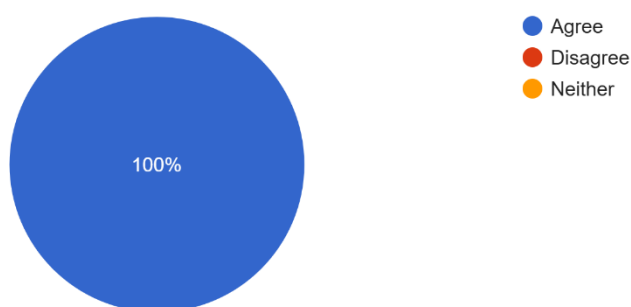
My concerns/queries have been dealt with appropriately and effectively.

10 responses



My child enjoys coming to school and the activities on offer.

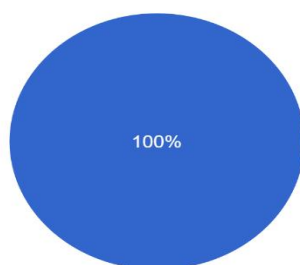
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Additional comments: Parents reported that their children thoroughly enjoy school, highlighting the range of activities, opportunities for outdoor play, and the positive relationships with staff. Many noted that their children are happy and enthusiastic about attending each day, often arriving with a smile and looking forward to school.

My child feels safe in school

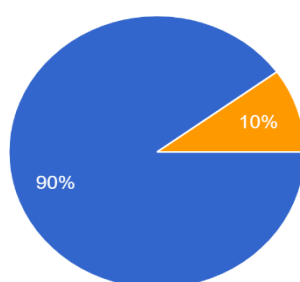
10 responses



● Agree
● Disagree
● Neither

My child has made friends at school.

10 responses



● Agree
● Disagree
● Neither

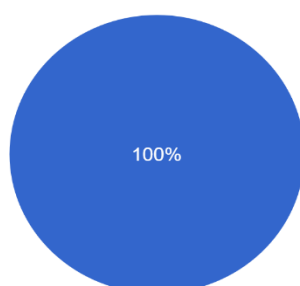
Additional comments:

My child has been able to build on the friendships that she had already made within Nursery, this has also helped her to settle into Reception with ease.

He speaks highly of all the children in the class. But 3 boys specifically as his 'besties'.

Barkisland CE VA school is a welcoming place

10 responses

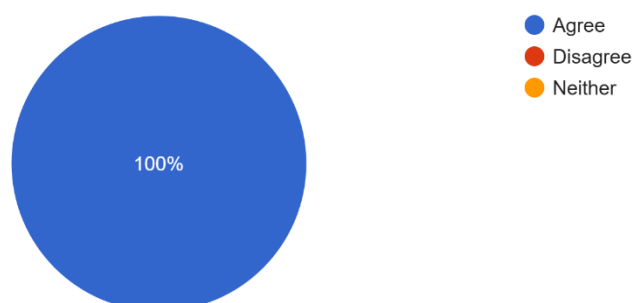


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The new starters service, held in church made my child feel part of the church community.

10 responses



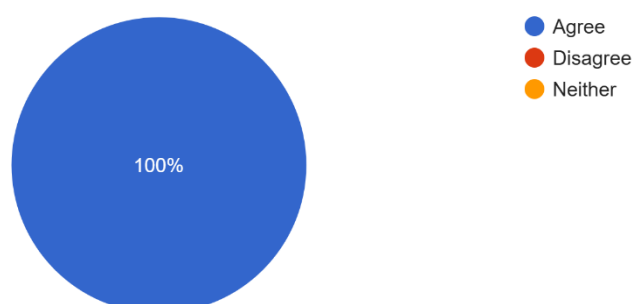
Additional comments:

Really appreciated the service and the buddy system.

A lovely service. My child loved receiving her Bible and sitting with her buddy.
Such a lovely service and experience.

Overall, starting school has been a positive experience for my child.

10 responses



What do we do well? Are there any areas in which you feel we can improve on?

Parents praised Barkisland School for its nurturing environment, approachable and dedicated staff, and the strong sense of community fostered through initiatives such as the buddy system. Children are reported to be happy, confident, and thriving, enjoying a wide range of activities, outdoor play, and opportunities to build friendships. Parents also value the personal knowledge staff have of each child, which supports engagement and learning.

A comment also suggested consolidating communications to make correspondence easier to follow, which we will endeavour to do so. Another comment was around homework and a preference for homework on paper rather than electronic. Please see the whole school summary for a response on this.

Overall, parents highlighted the school's welcoming atmosphere, high-quality early years teaching, and the strong relationships between staff, children, and families as key strengths.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the 10 families who took the time to complete the survey. It is wonderful to see a good level of engagement and to note that many of the questions received extremely positive responses, with several areas achieving 100% agreement. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us



celebrate our strengths, identify areas for improvement, and continue to provide the best possible experience for every child. We greatly appreciate your time, insights, and ongoing support in helping us nurture a happy, safe, and inclusive school community.

Kind regards,

Mrs Becky Schofield

Headteacher