

Manston Primary Reception Survey 2017/18

Thank you to everyone that completed the survey we sent out to parents/carers of Reception pupils. We had 18 (out of 30) responses, not all who responded answered every question. Attached is a summary of the findings. A more in-depth report will be put on the school website soon.

- Most children (14 out of 18) were excited to be starting school.
- Many parents (12 out of 18) were nervous about their children starting school.
- Most (15 out of 18) families had a home visit from a member of Manston Primary staff before starting school.
- Of those that did have a home visit, all found it helpful.
- All those who responded found the 'stay and play' afternoons helpful.
- The majority (17 out of 18) feel their children are happy at Manston Primary.
- All respondents feel their child is safe at school.
- When asked what they liked about Manston Primary the main responses were 'the teachers and staff are friendly, helpful and supportive' (12), 'it is a small school' (3), 'it's a nice/safe environment' (2) and 'my child is learning a lot' (2).
- With regard to their child's transition into Manston Primary the main responses were 'the transition has been great/smooth' (9), 'my child has settled well/quickly' (5) and 'my child's reading/writing/spelling is coming along well' (3).
- When asked what improvements we could make the main response was 'no improvements were needed/the school is doing a great job' (8). Please see over the page for more specific comments regarding some of the improvements that you felt could be made and actions we have taken.

If you have any comments about the findings or anything else please feel free to let us know on the attached form or by reply email.

Name: _____ (optional)

Improvements mentioned and actions taken

We had one comment asking if we could find a place to store packed lunches rather than them sitting in the window, particularly in summer. We have moved where the packed lunches are stored so that they are away from the window.

Some commented about lost school uniform. While we understand that this is frustrating for parents we do everything in our power to ensure children put their jumpers/cardigans on their pegs when they take them off. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and we often find them in the classroom and have trouble identifying the owner if there is not a name written inside.

A zebra crossing/lollipop lady was mentioned, this is something that one of our school governors is looking into. The final decision is down to Leeds City Council and we will keep you updated when we hear any news.

Streamlined communication, for example the attendance figures in weekly newsletter was mentioned. We have implemented this and will continue if it remains practical.

One parent mentioned bullying, this is something we take very seriously at Manston Primary and if a child is found to be bullying another then it is dealt with as soon as it comes to light. We would also ask parents to let us know if their child is telling them they are being bullied as the children do not always tell a member of staff.

A parent asked why we did not have after-school clubs for reception. We may look at these in the future but we feel that it is a long day already for reception children and that an after-school club would be an even longer day. However, reception pupils do have access to any lunch time clubs.

Weekly comments about pupil's progress in home books was mentioned. Mrs. Goddard does comment on homework but unfortunately (due to the time it would take) cannot comment on each child's progress through the week. However, please feel free to have a chat with any member of reception staff in the morning or at home time.

A parent mentioned it would be good to know what have the children had to eat for lunch. The weekly menus are available on the school website under the 'parents' section. We can also provide a hard copy should any parents require one, please ask a member of staff.

Some parents mentioned about the mud and that their children come home dirty. We can assure you that every effort is made by staff in the playground to keep the pupils off the mud in winter. Unfortunately, we cannot stop children falling over in the playground. We are hoping that when the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) is in place this may help with this issue.