



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Reception Questionnaire 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for completing the survey regarding your experience of your child starting here at Barrowby CE Primary School. We had 25 responses from a possible 35. 4.0% = 1 response.

We asked the following questions:

Is this the first child in your family to attend Barrowby School?	Yes 56%
	No 44%

Before you applied for a primary school place:

Did you look at the school's website before you applied?	Yes 96%
	No 4%

Did you find the website useful?	Yes 96%
	No 0%
	N/A 4%

Did you visit the school before applying for a place?	Yes 80%
	No 20%

Did you find the visit helpful?	Yes 80%
	No 0%
	N/A 20%

Did you feel that you had sufficient information about the school before you applied?	Yes 100%
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Thank you for your comments.

It is pleasing to note that all parents found that they had sufficient information about the school prior to applying for the school place and those that either visited the school or used the website found the experience beneficial.

The Induction Process

Did you attend the Induction meeting for parents/carers?	Yes 100%
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Did you find the meeting helpful?	Yes 100%
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Did you find the information pack useful?	Yes 100%
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Did you find the forms easy to understand and complete?	Yes 100%
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Did your child enjoy the induction sessions?	Yes 100%
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Did you feel that these sessions helped your child to be ready for school?	Yes 100%
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Thank you for your comments.

It is extremely pleasing to note that all respondents found that the Induction process was helpful and supported their child to become school ready.

It is important to emphasise that the Induction meetings are scheduled for June so we can meet the children, compare with the information received from Pre-School/Nursery and gather information about the incoming children. If needed, we then have enough time before the end of term to liaise with parents before the children start in September.





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Starting School

Did you find arrangements on your child's first day helpful?	Yes 96%
	No 4%
Do you feel that your child has settled into school life well?	Yes 100%
Are you satisfied with the level of home-school communication?	Yes 96%
	No 4%
Is your child enjoying school?	Yes 100%

Thank you for your comments.

It is pleasing to note that the vast majority of respondents felt that the arrangements in place for starting school were helpful and effective. Arrangements have been created to ensure the new Reception children and their parents are not necessarily rushed and have the time to drop off/pick up, speak to their child's class teacher and have been done in such a way as to ease the children into school life and their new routine.

In the first term, there are around 8 separate opportunities for parents to come into school and interact with their children and their teachers. E.g. Induction weeks, Harvest Festival, Parent/Teacher Consultation, Reception Curriculum Workshop, Family Games Night, Christmas Service, Reception Christmas Assembly and the Christmas Fair.

Parents have the opportunity in those first weeks to speak to their class teacher face to face on a daily basis. In addition, parents may ask to speak to teachers at the end of the day when they drop their children off or can contact the school office to make a mutually convenient appointment. This can be facilitated either in person or by telephone.

In addition, each child has a Reading Diary which we encourage parents to use when recording their children's reading, thus communicating with the teachers.

Moving forward, the class adjacent to where the parents line up will have their blinds closed to prevent children from becoming distressed when their parents leave.

Quality of Education-Parental Support/ Consultation

Did you attend one of the two Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings?	Yes 100%
Were you happy with the standard of work in your child/ren's books that you saw at Parent/ Teacher Consultations?	Yes 100%
If you attended a Parent/Teacher Consultation , did you find it useful?	Yes 100%

Thank you for your comments.

Behaviour & Attitudes

Does your child feel 'happy, valued and loved' most of the time while they are at school?	Yes 96%
	No 4%
Does your child feel safe at school?	Yes 100%
Do you think there is a good standard of behaviour?	Yes 100%

Thank you for your comments.

It is pleasing to note that the vast majority of respondents feel that their children feel 'happy, valued and loved' most of the time while they are in school.

We acknowledge that moving to school from a pre-school and/or nursery is a 'big step' and this can be a little overwhelming for some children. As a school, we are always proactive in supporting our new Reception children and would encourage our parents to reach out to the school to discuss any issues. It is important that parents and the school work together to support individual children and overcome any difficulties together. We are always on hand to discuss and support where needed.





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Personal Development

Does your child's class teacher and other staff support/look after your child well?	Yes	100%
Does the school meet your child's particular needs?	Yes	100%
Do you think the teaching at Barrowby School is at least good?	Yes	100%
Do you think the school helps you as a parent to support your child's learning?	Yes	100%

Thank you for your comments.

It is pleasing to note that parents can see all the hard work of the school team and how it benefits the children within our school.

School Events

Have you attended/ or planning to attend a church-based event? E.g Harvest Festival, Christmas Service	Yes	100%
If you have attended a Church based event did you enjoy it?	Yes	96%
	No	0%
	N/A	4%
Did you attend the Family Games Night organised by FOBs?	Yes	24%
	No	76%
If you attended the Family Games Night, did you enjoy it?	Yes	24%
	No	0%
	N/A	76%
Did you attended the Reception Curriculum Workshop?	Yes	64%
	No	36%
If you attended did you find it useful?	Yes	64%
	No	0%
	N/A	36%
Did you attend the Reception Christmas Assembly?	Yes	96%
	No	4%
If you attended the Christmas Assembly, did you enjoy it?	Yes	100%
	No	0%
	N/A	4%

Thank you for your comments.

It is pleasing to note that so many parents have attended a church-based event and feel the benefit of our school's organised events.

As a school, we work hard to ensure that our school' enables all to

....strive for excellence, ensuring that we all feel happy, valued and loved. We aim to provide an exciting, innovative, and relevant curriculum that enables all to 'shine' and develop as creative, respectful and independent citizens. We seek to promote equal opportunities for all so that each individual is encouraged to achieve their full potential and become lifelong learners who can make a positive contribution to society.

Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16



Wrap Around Care

Have you used our Breakfast Club and/or After School Club?	Yes 64%
	No 36%
Were you satisfied with this provision?	Yes 64%
	No 0%
	N/A 36%
We are looking to introduce a Child Care Voucher in September 2024. Is this something you would use?	Yes 64%
	No 24%
	N/A 12%

Thank you for your comments.

It is pleasing to note that all those that use the provision are satisfied.

For those parents that wish to book a place once the booking has closed please contact the school office to book a place and make payment, in advance according to our policy.

As you may be aware, we are exploring the introduction of Child Care Vouchers and hope to introduce these after May half-term. More details to follow in a letter to parents soon.

Home/ School Communication

Do you think the school keeps you well informed?	Yes 100%
Do you think the school responds to your concerns in a timely manner?	Yes 100%

Thank you for your comments.

As a school we work very hard to ensure that our parents are well-informed. It is important to explain that the school endeavours to respond to all communications received in school. This should be done with 3 days of receiving the communication and may be as simple as an acknowledgement of an email, on occasion a more detailed response may be needed and/or an invitation to attend a meeting. We are grateful for our parents time in contacting the school and share any positive comments received from parents in our weekly Newsletters.

Do you follow us on Facebook?	Yes 84%
	No 16%

Thank you for your comments.

Do you use the school's website on a regular basis?	Yes 76%
	No 24%

Leadership & Management

Do you think the school is well led and managed?	Yes 100%
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Thank you for your comments.

It is very rewarding when parents acknowledge and can see the hard work of the leadership team and staff. As a school, we do our utmost to ensure that we guide and support all so that all can 'shine' and achieve their potential.

Comments from parents included:

One parent commented: *All the staff in the school that we have had dealings with have been incredible from reception/admin, wrap around care, teaching assistants, dinner supervisors and of course the amazing teachers... I feel very confident in the leadership and management otherwise I don't think my child would be so happy in school or would have gained so much knowledge and independence in just over 6 months. Thank you for what you do.* **Another commented:** *....What an amazing school.*

We are delighted that our parents feel so strongly about our school. Once again, I thank you for your cooperation and assistance and look forward to working with all the stakeholders of our school, striving to enhance even further our provision and opportunities available to all.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Batey
Head teacher

