



Harnham Infant School – Year R Transition to School Questionnaire

Results October 2017

51 responses (15 Robins 19 Ladybirds 17 Hedgehogs)

Did you take a tour around the school? Y/N

Was this useful and did it make part of your decision making? Y/N

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
25	26	8	7	9	10	8	9
49%	51%	53%	47%	47%	53%	47%	53%

Do you feel you received enough information before your child started school? Y/N

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
48	3	14	1	19	0	15	2
94%	6%	93%	7%	100%		88%	12%

Did you attend the information evening for parents in June? Y/N

Any comments about this event?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
42	9	12	3	16	3	14	3
82%	18%	80%	20%	84%	16%	88%	12%

Did your child attend the workshop in the hall and/or the time in class during June/July? Y/N

If so, were they helpful/beneficial to your child? Y/N

Enjoyable? Y/N

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
47	4	14	1	17	2	16	1
92%	8%	93%	7%	89%	11%	94%	6%

Do you feel the home visits were beneficial? Y/N

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
46	5	15	0	15	4	16	1
90%	10%	100%		79%	21%	94%	6%

Has your child adapted well through the part time to full time transition period? Y/N

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
50	1	15	0	18	1	17	0
98%	2%	100%		95%	5%	100%	

Do you feel your child is happy/settled at school? Y/N

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
50	1	15	0	18	1	17	0
98%	2%	100%		95%	5%	100%	

Is there anything we can do to improve the transition to school? Y/N?

Any comments?

Overall		Robins		Ladybirds		Hedgehogs	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6	45	3	12	2	17	1	16
12%	88%	20%	80%	11%	89%	6%	94%

Positive Feedback:

- 'My daughter is very happy, loves her teacher and is learning so much. We love the school overall'.
- 'My daughter enjoyed choosing a bag to take home at the end of the workshop'
- Harnham Infants continues to be an amazing school. MY daughter even wants to go on a Saturday!
- Pleased with advance notice of events given through the calendar.
- Really grateful that my child's needs are being met.
- Plenty of information in the welcome pack.
- A nice touch having the teacher visit at home.
- My son is very settled and is enjoying himself.
- Loving the new class and teaching staff and the challenges of new learning. My daughter is excited to go to school each day.
- The settling in sessions helped my son prepare for starting school and know what to expect.
- It was lovely to visit all the classrooms and see children looking happy and engaged.
- Taster sessions were very good and useful for parents to meet the teachers and fellow class mates.
- Continue the great work – we really appreciate what you are doing for our children.
- We appreciate the good communication through emails and text messages.
- MY child loved the sessions and was desperate to start school – what more could we hope for!
- The home visit was a great opportunity for our child and us to get up to speed, and helped our child to feel comfortable with the teacher.
- Thank you so much – our son is absolutely loving school and all the staff and we are so grateful for the hard work and everything you do.
- The information evening was well run and very useful.
- My daughter was placed in a class with 3 friends from the same nursery which really helped.
- The school has a lovely inclusive and personal feel – which surprised us considering the school's size.

- We're so pleased our daughter is excited about school and is so keen to learn and improve.
- The teachers have been great towards my daughters needs and continue to be supportive.
- The workshops and settling in sessions helped to facilitate a seamless transition into school.
- The extra information session at the start of term was also very helpful.
- The settling sessions helped my son recognise some faces from his class before joining in September.
- The home visit provided some one on one time to talk about just my daughter.
- Each morning my son is so happy to get ready for school.
- Harnham Infant School was our first choice for both of our children, the staff are brilliant and both children love attending.
- Lovely school, lovely teachers.
- We love Harnham Infants
- I think it was the right amount of days part time.
- I want to say how I think the school planned the transition to school has worked really well. A workshop, a short session in class, a home visit and then a week or so of part time worked really well.
- It was very welcoming and I felt at ease and knew my son would enjoy it.
- Everything the school has done has made us feel very comfortable.
- The blog is very useful to parents as its nice to see our children happy in class and making friends.
- I think it helped my daughter a lot that she came down to school with Puddleducks and the teachers visited Puddleducks as well. She remembers coming with Puddleducks to see the Christmas play.

Points for Improvement:

- Introduce selves on the home visit.
- Ensure children's name spelt correctly on the information pack.
- Full time after a couple of half days
- Uniform list and requirements was lacking
- A note home about how the teacher deals with discipline issues at school would help so we know in advance and can work with similar expectations at home
- Afternoon sessions not beneficial as so short compared to the mornings.
- Shame that hedgehogs are dropped off and picked up in year 1 playground – would be nice for the newbies to all be together.
- It would be helpful to have the settling in arrangements in the prospectus so that parents can keep sufficient annual leave
- Perhaps a photograph tour could be available to talk through and show the children and talk to them ahead of their first day.
- Home visit could be a little longer
- It is hard for the little ones to go in by themselves when they have to battle past other parents at the coat hooks. Could all parents say goodbye at the bottom of the steps?
- Would like info on when forest school and PE would start
- Information on general school timetable would be useful – start and finish times .
- Perhaps bringing your child to school for a one to one visit would be better than a home visit?
- The information evening felt a little too informal.
- Perhaps include a Q&A session for new parents – a smaller group atmosphere
- I would have liked some information about the kinds of activities the children do during the day.
- A nursery visit would have been beneficial.