

Here are some of the thoughts of our Reception parents....

How helpful were the settling in events for you and your child?

Very helpful! Beginning the settling programme before the summer holidays gave Imogen something to look forward to over the summer and helped her visualise what 'school' was

How did you feel when your child started school?

I was keen to know how she would respond to the new structure and routine. I was also anxious to see if she was able to make friends. I wanted to get to know the staff and other parents as soon as possible.

What particularly helped your child settle into school?

The summer sessions helped us all to feel comfortable in the school environment before school even started. The summer booklet we were given to complete gave us an opportunity to talk about school in a positive way and it helped us compile a lovely memory of the last summer before she started school. The postcard we received from Imogen's teacher was also a lovely touch



What are the important things you feel a new parent should know prior to their child starting school?

It will be ok! They will settle, be happy and even if there are bumps in the road they will be well cared for. School will become a happy centre to their world.

Anything else you would have liked to have known that you didn't?

No, the school communication has been really comprehensive from the word go!

How helpful were the settling in events for you and your child?

We found the events very helpful. We loved the activities in the hall and story time. My daughter found the time in the classroom extremely helpful.

How did you feel when your child started school?

I was nervous but as it was my second child I knew she would have a wonderful time. I knew the teacher and the LSA would be on hand for my children and myself if we needed anything

What particularly helped your child settle into school?

I think the time in the classroom really helped. She loved doing a little activity with her LSA. The smaller class visits really helps as she could get used to the space without it being overwhelming.

What are the important things you feel a new parent should know prior to their child starting school?

How we can get them ready for school

The curriculum in the first term

The zones of regulation

A typical school routine

What strategies do you have for a child who is struggling at school

