

## RECEPTION TRANSITION / SETTLING IN SURVEY 2018/19

[21 children in Reception cohort. 13 responses.](#)

Please tick the box which best describes your feelings. We welcome additional comments in the box following each question.

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

Please tick all that apply.

Locality	8	Church of England School	4
Sibling	3	Recommendation	6
School Facilities	6	Performance Tables / Results	6
Reputation	11	Other (please state below)	2
<p>Other: 1. Family links to the school.            2. Other children in the family have previously attended.            Comments.            Really enjoyed being shown around by the headteacher. We liked her style and leadership. One to one time with Mrs Schofield really changed us to make Barkisland our first choice over other schools in the area.            Barkisland was my favourite from all the schools in the area.            Previous excellent experience from other family members.</p>			

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

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>Very happy with the communication process right from the start.</p> <p>The 'bumper pack' was very useful.</p> <p>Fab!</p>		

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

Agree	Neither	Disagree	N/A
(11) 85%			(2) 15%

Additional comments:

Quite overwhelming but very well organised.

Really helpful and nice to meet all the Reception teachers.

We couldn't attend but received our pack through the post.

Our child was unable to be observed in her nursery setting.

Really informative. The information pack had everything we needed to get us started.

Unfortunately, we couldn't make this.

4. Taster Lunch gave me and my child an insight into school meals and lunchtimes at school.

Agree	Neither	Disagree	N/A
(13) 100%			
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>It was a great idea!</p> <p>A really enjoyable experience for both myself and my child.</p> <p>It was a nice opportunity to meet the school buddy with the comfort of 'mum and dad'. As parents we both enjoyed the experience.</p> <p>Very useful, our child was a little apprehensive about dinnertime routine, but quickly settled.</p> <p>Worth doing. Helps settle the children into the lunchtime routine and helps parents understand the process too.</p> <p>He loved the school lunch experience and enjoyed the meal he chose. He continues to enjoy his school dinners and usually asks at breakfast time what he's having for his lunch that day.</p> <p>Excellent!</p>			

5. The initial classroom taster session helped my child become familiar with their classroom and teacher.

Agree	Neither	Disagree	N/A
(13) 100%			
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>I would have liked to spend some time in the setting prior to my child starting so that I could get to know the rewards systems etc.</p> <p>A nice experience for my child.</p>			

He was excited to be going into his big classroom and starting school.

6. My child has benefitted from the Year 6 Buddy System.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>This worked brilliantly! We feel this gave our child so much reassurance over the summer and eased any nervousness by giving him a friendly face and contact. He still talks about his buddy and enjoys seeing him around school. He loved the letter received during the summer, through the post.</p> <p>This was the best thing that could have happened. Really helped my child transition.</p> <p>We thought his letter from his Year 6 buddy was excellent and helped to have one of the bigger children in Y6 show him the ropes.</p> <p>Really valuable! Our buddy is lovely and helped our child enormously.</p> <p>She loves her buddy!</p> <p>It was a real benefit for our child to have someone to ask questions and help settle into school life.</p> <p>This worked really well and my child has formed a strong bond with her buddy. The buddy system has really helped her settle at Barkisland.</p> <p>Excellent idea. He loves it!</p> <p>I love the fact that they do a lot of things together.</p>		

7. I feel that I had enough information to support my child when starting school.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>May be too many forms.</p> <p>Very comprehensive.</p>		

8. The part time sessions in September enabled my child to settle well into school routines.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(9) 69.2%	(3) 23%	(1) 7.7%
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>This really helped my child to become accustomed to grow and become accustomed to being in school for 5 days a week.</p> <p>Would have preferred to go straight in full time and not divide the days.</p> <p>One week was great to get my child adjusted.</p> <p>One week of part time hours was better than having two weeks, especially when most parents work.</p> <p>Could the afternoon sessions start with lunch to make them longer?</p> <p>My child was ready to start full days.</p>		

9. I feel that the Early Years staff know my child well.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(12) 92.3%	(1) 7.7%	
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>Very approachable and friendly staff.</p> <p>(1) 7.7%, difficult to say at this stage.</p> <p>Really like his teacher and TAs. The Marvellous Me box was a good idea for him to discuss his likes and interests and get to know the other children.</p>		

10. I have found it easy to approach school staff with any concerns.

Agree	Neither	Disagree	N/A
(11) 84.6%			(2) 15.3%

Additional comments:

Teacher and TAs are always available at the start and the end of the school day.

Mrs McIntosh and the staff are very helpful and accessible.

No major concerns, all the staff are friendly and operate an effective open door policy.

11. My concerns have been dealt with appropriately and effectively.

Agree	Neither	Disagree	N/A
(3) 23%			(10) 76.9%
Additional comments: I haven't had any major concerns. Yes, effectively. Only found out things through our child.			

12. My child enjoys coming to school.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
Additional comments: Always happy to attend. Loves it!		

13. My child feels safe in school.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
Additional comments: No concerns.		

14. My child has made friends at school.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
Additional comments: I hope he has started to get to know and play with all his new classmates.		

15. The school is a welcoming place.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(13) 100%		
Additional comments: Very! 5 stars! Barkisland is a warm and friendly school and we always feel welcome. The staff are extremely friendly.		

16. My child has benefitted from attending the new EYFS unit where Reception and Nursery aged children are placed together.

Agree	Neither	Disagree
(5) 38.4%	(7) 53.8%	(1) 7.7%
Additional comments: No benefit to my child, other than the room is busier. My child enjoys playing with children from both years. He has said he enjoys playing with all the children and helping some of the nursery children. I feel that some of the nursery children are very young and mixing with some of the children in reception could result in more behavioural issues than if the year groups were separate. I think the year groups should be separated.		

17. The new starters Church Service made me and my child feel part of the whole school community.

Agree	Neither	Disagree

(11) 84.6%	(2) 15.3%	
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>It was a lovely event!</p> <p>This was so lovely and also gave the children an opportunity to visit church. I was very impressed.</p> <p>This was a lovely feature.</p> <p>Thank you for the Bible, it was done beautifully and can't believe how well the whole school behaved during the service. Thanks for the bun and cuppa too, very much appreciated!</p> <p>This was lovely and nice for the whole school to welcome the new starters.</p>		

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
(11) 84.6%	(2) 15.3%			
<p>Additional comments:</p> <p>Our child was very much looking forward to starting school, of course she was quite familiar with the school and the routine, but she enjoys every day and seems to have integrated well.</p> <p>Barkisland has not disappointed! We can't believe what a warm and friendly school it is. Staff at Barkisland, love helping our little boy really enjoy his first term at school.</p> <p>He really likes Mrs McIntosh, Mrs Goldthorpe and Mrs Watkins.</p> <p>Our little boy absolutely loves school and can't wait to get there in a morning! Thank you so very much to everyone involved. It really is much appreciated and makes a difference/helps us, knowing how happy he is and it is lovely to see him blossoming.</p> <p>I am so impressed with Barkisland. It is the best school.</p>				

19. Which aspects of transition worked particularly well for your child?

- The buddy system.
- Taster sessions, school dinner with parents.
- Transition day.
- Gradual half day start.
- The week of half days worked well to ease my child into full time school life.
- Having a lunch menu in advance.

20. Are there any areas in which you feel we can improve on?

- Nothing to change, thank you!
- Support playground activity, buddy up more within the class.
- More notice of church services and other events parents may wish to attend.

Full time start for all the Reception children.

Would have liked more information on how the nursery and reception children mix. We were surprised the nursery children didn't have their own separate pre-school.

Parking information would have been useful.

After school activities for reception children.

Do the children walk a mile each day?

We are lucky there's only 21 in reception this year, I think nursery and reception should be separate.

***Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.***