

St Helen's Pre-school – Feedback Questionnaires July 2011

11 responses from parents/carers

Does your child enjoy pre-school.

Brilliant – 100%

Good – 0%

OK – 0%

Poor – 0%

Does your child enjoy forest school?

Brilliant – 91%

Good – 0%

OK – 0%

Poor – 9%

What do we do well?

Forest school, use of the outdoor environment

Encourage independence

Make children feel safe and welcome, caring staff, WOW stars

Lunch clubs, snacks and healthy cooking activities

Good range of activities, including structured activities

Some comments from the questionnaires.

Forest school is fantastic.

Your approach to the weather and being outdoors is second to none.

Through forest school my child knew more about nature, plants and insects.

Very caring staff, lots of fun.

My child loves the cooking activity on Wednesdays.

My child has had a wonderful start to his educational life.

My child really enjoys forest school; it's the highlight of the week.

What could we do differently/better?

1 parent suggested making cards for occasions such as Christmas

- At pre-school we do not celebrate religious festivals although children are always free to make cards etc. with free access to the craft trolley. We do not make cards etc for Mother's day and Father's day as all families differ in their family celebrations, again, children are free to access resources to make cards if they wish to.

2 parents suggested more regular reports on how children are getting on

- Parent/keyworker meetings are held two or three times during the year and represent a formal opportunity to discuss progress. Parents are frequently reminded through newsletters that they are welcome to discuss their child's progress at any time with their child's keyworker or with the manager.

1 parent suggested a monthly diary showing progress

- Children's diaries/learning journeys are available for parent's to view at any time and staff are available to discuss progress as needed.

2 parents' expressed concern about children going outside in wet/cold weather

- Children are very warmly dressed for outdoor play, children also wear waterproof trousers and jackets for outside play when needed and always for forest school session unless the weather is very hot. Parents are frequently reminded, through newsletters, that spare clothes should be provided for children to change into if necessary. We have spare gloves, hats and extra socks to ensure children are kept warm and forest school activities are adapted according to the prevailing weather conditions.

1 parent expressed concern over their child not eating/drinking without encouragement

- Issues such as this should be brought to the attention of the child's keyworker who will ensure that individual needs are monitored and met.

We would like to thank all those parents who took the time to respond to the questionnaire as feedback is very important in enabling us to continue developing pre-school provision.