

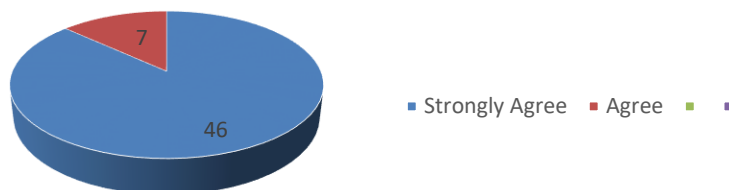


Questionnaire Response – July 2017

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete this questionnaire and give comments, it is important for us to have your ideas to improve as well as opportunities to explain and clarify our practice

52 replies from 77 sent

My Child is Happy and Enjoys Brenchley Pre-School



Parent Comments

Child seems happier going to Lions, think this is to do with his friends though

Very much so

Loving Pre-school

Child loves coming to pre-school and often motions to come in when driving past

Once he is there

She loves it here

Child always comes home happy and discusses what he did during the day

Child loves coming to pre-school

Child loves pre-school, his school teachers and friends

Preschool's Comments

It is wonderful to see how many children enjoy coming to Pre-school and so many positive responses. Wonderful that children are speaking about their time at preschool at home and becoming more confident and outgoing.

My Child was helped well to settle into Brenchley Pre-School



Parent Comments

Not that he needed much help he settled very quickly after being at a previous preschool, a big change for him, he now loves it

All of the teachers were great settling child into playschool and comforting her when she was upset at first

Child was encouraged to make friends one friendship she talks about a lot

I have always been well supported with settling in both my children into preschool

Key people helped settle child in, took a few weeks but he now just strolls in

Helped a lot in Lions Class but not in the Nursery Class when he wasn't allowed to bring in a toy from home as a comforter

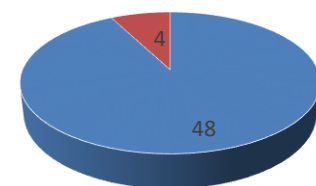
Very well settling in and helping her with it

Seemed to settle easily

Preschool's Comments

It is great to see so many positive settling in comments. Our keyperson policy and settling in policy treats each child and parent as an individual and enables us to work with you to make the settling in experience as easy and caring as possible, welcoming you into a new environment and supporting and getting to know you and your child's interests. It's such a shame that one child had a bad experience settling into Nursery Class – we do encourage transitional objects and comforters to help the separation basis, especially into the Nursery Class and feel sad that this child's object/s didn't help in this process

Brenchley Pre-school is meeting the expectations I had for my child's pre-school education and care



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Parent Comments

Fantastic pre-school thank you
You couldn't do more for us, we are very happy as always with pre-school

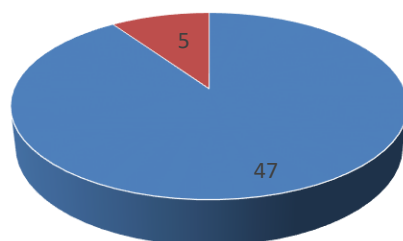
I am often amazed at my son's knowledge which I am certain has come from pre-school eg rhyming words

It is doing more than I ever expected – child is coming very well

Preschool's Comments

Thank you for your comments. Within the preschool we support children to develop confidence in themselves, develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings. This involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others, to form positive relationships and develop respect for others, Keypersons know their children well and know how to progress their next steps and planning activities to interest them.

I would feel comfortable in approaching staff with questions, suggestions or a problem



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

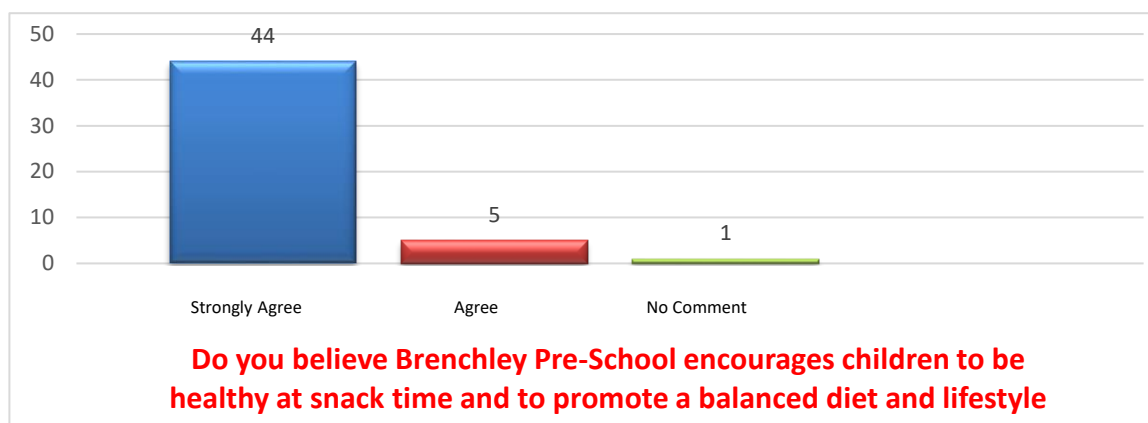
Parent Comments

All ladies are very approachable
Staff always happy to help and listen
Always helpful and friendly

I mentioned that my child not able to get to school after childbirth and staff passed on contacts with our parents was really helpful and greatly ree

Preschool's Comments

Thank you for your kind comments. We are always available to speak to any parents to discuss problems, suggestions or indeed questions either by phone or in person, additionally you can contact Sian by email. Building relationships with keypersons is not only important for the children but the families also, siblings attending the preschool will (session/keyperson permitting) be assigned the same keyperson to hopefully build a good caring relationship. Start and end of the day is a busy time, however, please be reassured that we will make time for you, if you feel more comfortable you could always come earlier to pick up when it is quieter and more comfortable to speak more privately.

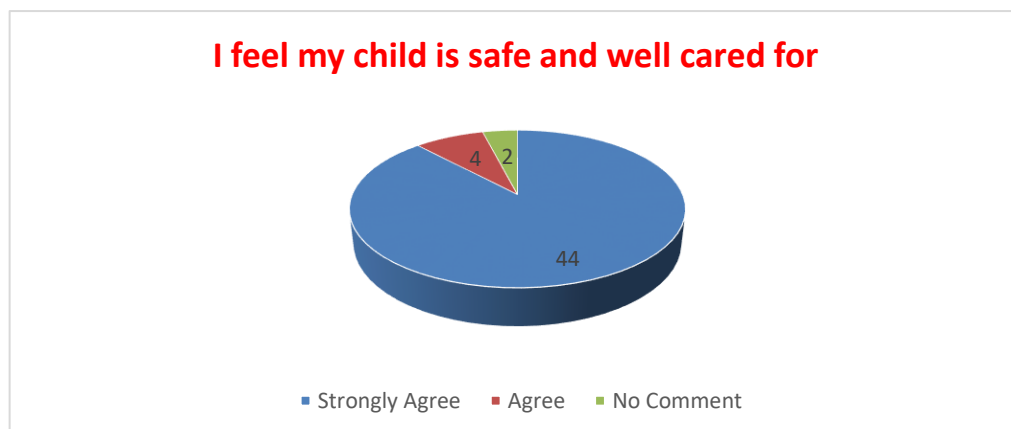


Parent Comments

<p>I think snack time is great – my child says he enjoys it</p> <p>Child always tells us what snack and drink he has and it is always healthy and balanced</p> <p>I assume s, are there any guidelines for lunches</p>	<p>I feel strong supported in helping my picky eater to try new foods. Pre-school is the only place he will try new foods</p> <p>Very good guidelines for lunch boxes to help parents</p>
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Pre-school Comments

Weekly snack menus are always posted in the foyer above the white boards so you should always be aware of what snack your child is being offered. There could be a differentiation in what the classes are offered, the Nursery Class have snacks planned to aid their fine motor and manipulative skills such as spooning and spreading. Both classes have snacks planned in order for them to have a variety of fresh fruit to cut, carbohydrates such as pitta bread, wraps, breadsticks and dairy including cheeses, custard, yoghurt etc. Occasionally we may cook things to eat at snack or shop bought birthday cakes are brought in to celebrate as a treat, this is only given on one session and it is quite rare. Please look at the child's questionnaire responses to see what the children explained that they liked and you will see there is quite a variety. We also seek out dairy free, gluten free products for children who have allergies and that they can eat similar products alongside their peers. There are guidelines for parents regarding lunches – copies available



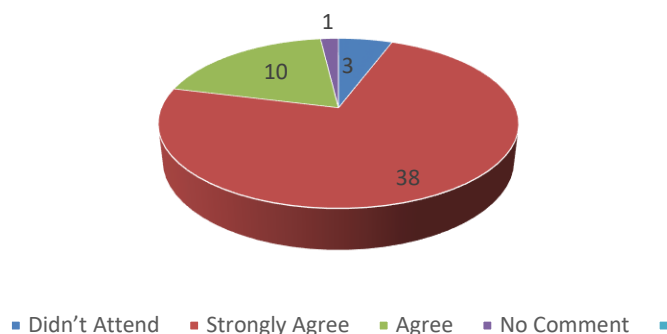
Parent Comments

<p>Thank you so much for your help and hard work for my child</p> <p>We didn't worry about our child at pre-school at all we know you all do and fantastic job for him and his friends</p>	<p>I have no worries</p> <p>It is clear that whilst every child has a keyworker all staff and children know each other and care for each other irrespective of their keyperson/child</p>
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Pre-school Comments

Thank you for your lovely comments. Children's safety is one of our highest priority, I know sometimes it may feel quite rushed at picking up time as we bring each child to the door and this is where you as parents may feel we are not giving you attention to talk about your child's day. However, we have children going home, often with other carers or friends, children staying for lunch (so we need to supervise them accordingly), children transferring to Tigers, there is a lot of traffic and we want to ensure your child has their belongings and goes home to your arms safely. We ensure that all children in the garden have sun cream on and their heads are covered with a legionnaire style sunhat to protect their necks.

Do you Attend the Three Parent's Evenings Available to you to Speak About Your Child's Development and If So do you Feel that You Have Received Enough Information About How Your Child Learns and What Stage of Development They are At



Parent Comments

This is my first but will definitely attend others
A creche during parents meeting would help both parents attend
Very thorough
Yes we love to look at his book, all the photos and things he has done

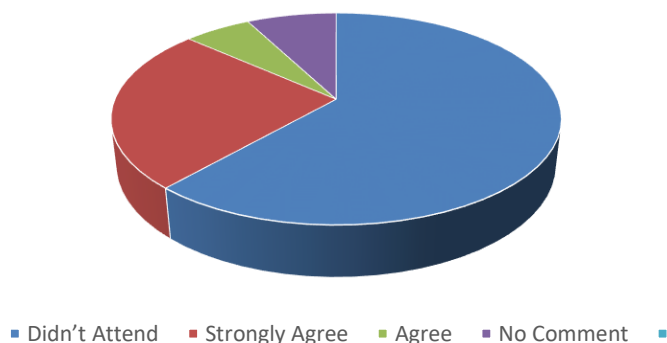
We are always surprised at how much information is observed and recorded about in all of our girls. We are sure they will love reading about their pre-school achievements when they are older as much as we do.

We would like more information to understand how could support child with his development

Preschool Comments

Parent's evenings are conducted three times a year. Our planning is displayed in the Foyer, together with the sound of the week so that everyone can see our adult led activities and then all classes jot down on the whiteboard what your children have been doing during the session. Notes are put in the lunchboxes for you to be reassured with have assisted them and encouraged them to eat their lunch. Photographs of projects such as Easter, valentines, planting etc is also in the foyer for you all to look at. Unfortunately a creche is impossible due to all staff attending two nights with parents.

Do you attend the Annual Pre-School Information Evening and if so has it helped you and your child understand the mechanics of the pre-school



Parent Comments

Previsously Attended
First child already attended so familiar with set up

Sibling attended
Will try to attend this year

Preschool Comments

Thank you for your comments, the actual PIE evening is conducted once a year to give you the information you need, explain about the three classes, funding, transitions, the curriculum, show and tell, healthy eating. We want you to be prepared of the different transitions and what to expect in each class so that any worries or concerns can be aired and you feel confident that your child will receive the best possible care and education. I understand it is difficult especially with babysitting and work commitments to attend parent's evenings, however, with 80 families to accommodate we try and give plenty of notice of the dates we have planned in the newsletter.

Thank you so much for completing this questionnaire, we really appreciate your comments and suggestions and these will all be discussed at staff meetings.



Children's Questionnaire responses – 49 out of 77 returned

What do you enjoy most indoors

Painting	12	Drawing	11	Home Corner	10	Dressing Up	10	Friends	10	Cars	9
Building	5	Dancing	5	Armies	2	Tractors	2	Keyperson	2	Computer	1
Trains	4	Games	1	Book Corner	6	Toys	1	Stories	2	Babies/dolls	5
Glueing	4	Singing	4	Playing	2	Small World	2	Puppets	1	Playdoh	4
Water	6	Sand	1	Walkie Talkie	1	Shapes	1	Letters	1	Numbers	1
Tigers	1	Music	1	Puzzles	1	Show n tell	1	Dolls House	1	Snack bar	1
Animals	1	Remote Control Car	3	Magnetic Letters	1	Sticklebricks	1	Going to the park	1		

What do you enjoy most outdoors

Running/ Chase	8	Pirate Ship	13	Sandpit	13	Keyperson	1	Rolling ball	1	Buggies	3
Friends	6	Fighting	1	Jumping	1	Tag	1	Playhouse	1	Ice-cream house	9
Water	5	Mud Kitchen	7	Wheelbarrows	3	Football	1	Flowers	1	Balls	4
Cars	2	Hoops	2	Trampoline	1	Paddling	1	Digging	1	Building site	1
Hide n seek	1	Physical equ	1	Slide	1	Space Hopper	3	Click Clack	1	Drills	1
Tyres	1	Planting	2	Swings	1	Willow	1	Climbing	1	Watering	1

What don't you like doing here

The grass its too long and itchy	Not keen on drawing	Falling Over x 2
I like everything	Tidying up in the garden	Not playing with boys
Being pushed in wheelbarrows	Boys because they mess things up	Playdoh
Dancing	Friends	Show n tell
Being Inside	Not Listening to Teachers	Doing boring stuff
Sitting on the carpet	Want to go to big school	Zoo Animals
Don't like water because people splash me	Likes Everything	Love Everything
Not having friends Around		

Is there anything else you would like to do, but can-not do here

Touch the Gloves	Go on adventures in the big field	I don't know
When we don't go in the garden	Bee the leader when I tidy up	Remote Control Cars
Lego	Run on hot days	Go on computer more
Look after a pet	Rugby	More Baking
Trampoline	Nothing	

Which are the best things to eat here

Breadsticks	13	Bananas	6	Apple	12	Yoghurt	6	Custard	5	Rice Cakes	3
Cucumber	2	Crackers	3	Milk	6	Water	1	Jam wrap	1	Cereal	1
Snacks	2	Orange	1	Rolls	2	Fruit	1	Lettuce	1	Ice-pops	1
Rolls	2	Lunch	1	Everything	1	Biscuits	1	Marmite	1	Chocolate	1
Yellow dip	1	Food made at preschool	1								

Anything You Would Like to Share

I like talking to my teachers	I like to dance	I like to make cakes
She loves all of the things to do here	Its my favourite preschool I really like it	I like have lunch at school

Makes me happy there		
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