

Thank you to the parents who left some feedback for the school during their Parent Evening visits. We have responded to each individual comment this time, taking out names of staff and children to ensure anonymity.

Foundation 2	
Learning journey (LJ) books and Random Act of Kindness boards liked by parents	<p>We are very proud of our LJ books and will not be moving to an online system as we feel our records are highly effective in sharing the learning throughout the year across all areas of the curriculum and they are a tangible reminder of the child's first year at school. Ofsted commented on how effective they are and preferred them to online versions.</p> <p>The Random Acts of Kindness board has supported children across the school in learning about and demonstrating aspects of our School Values.</p>
Could parent evenings start earlier like the Junior School, at 2pm, to help with child care?	<p>Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this as we would not want to impact on the teaching time of the classes by removing their teachers from the room for the last hour or so of the day. Also, we would still need to be offering late appointments for working parents so this could mean teachers talking with parents from 2pm-5.30/7.30pm which is a very long time to be in conversation. We are sorry we are unable to offer a crèche due to the legalities around insurance and adult:child ratios but we do offer a lot of notice for the date and as much time as possible for your actual appointment time to support parents in sorting child care.</p>
Really grateful to the school and teachers for all their hard work	Thank you!
Our daughter loves the school. It is well organised; a great opportunity to meet the teacher and find out about our daughter's progress!	<p>We are very pleased your daughter loves coming to school!</p> <p>Thank you for your comments about parent evening. It does take a lot of organising but is a valuable opportunity for parents to spend uninterrupted time with their class teacher to talk one on one about their child.</p>
Our daughter loves this school.	We are very happy to hear this.
Thanks for all your hard work. Lovely school. Very pleased. Love the Learning Journey, as always.	Thank you for your positive comments. We are glad you are happy with your child's learning here.
Thank you for all your hard work. My daughter is so happy here. Also the no homework policy in F2 is a fantastic idea. It allows my daughter to relax and spend time with me and her grandma at the end of the day.	<p>We are very pleased to hear your daughter is enjoying being at school. We believe that learning happens all the time in many, many ways so when they are at home they can still be learning by being with their family and developing knowledge and skills without realising it. We have ideas for parents to do at home in our Learning at Home policy on the school website. Simply counting the cutlery out at tea time or reading the shopping list can support the children in relating what we do at school in maths and English to their real lives. We hope you have lovely, relaxed evenings!</p>
Learning Journals are fab! So helpful to have a real idea of what goes on. Really love the Home/School journal too. Makes sure issues are sorted quickly. Well done everyone.	<p>Thank you for your very positive comments. We are so pleased that you find our means of communication effective for you in resolving any concerns in a speedy manner. Your Learning Journey record will come home at the end of the year for you to keep as a lasting memory of this first year at school!</p> <p>Thank you for your praise. It is much appreciated.</p>
Our daughter's teacher is amazing. Always happy. Always has time.	We are glad you are happy with the teaching staff. We endeavour to ensure all children across the school are happy and this is even more important in F2, their first experience of 'big school'.

Year 1

<p>Great to meet the teacher. Significant improvements. Both parents are happy with the progress.</p>	<p>We are glad you enjoyed this opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and that you have found they are making good progress as they begin their learning in Year 1.</p>
<p>Brilliant meeting with the teachers. Would be perfect if crèche was allowed/arranged for siblings. Very happy with everything.</p>	<p>We are glad you had a good meeting with your child's teacher. We are sorry that the crèche is no longer an option for us to provide. We simply cannot meet insurance and legal ratio requirements.</p>
<p>Lovely to have had a chance to meet with the class teacher. Great support from the teachers and all other staff at school. All teachers and non-teaching staff we come across are caring and helpful. Can parents be updated more regularly about extra activities such as music lessons and football club?</p>	<p>We are so pleased to hear you are happy with the staff at school and have found them to be kind and helpful. We are developing our use of the website and app to keep parents informed of what is on offer. Clubs and lessons usually run in half term blocks so information will come out prior to the end of a term in preparation for the following one to book places. All information should be available on the school website.</p>
<p>The table grouping system seems like a really proactive way of teaching.</p>	<p>Thank you. We find that using positive language is very motivating. So regardless of whether you are a more-able learner or find things a little trickier, being in a wonderful, amazing, brilliant or fantastic learning group gives you a boost before you even begin the task!</p>
<p>More communication in the school diary: maybe once a week detailing what they have been working on. Also write in there something for them to do over the weekend that they need to work on.</p>	<p>The communication books are for individual messages between parents and school. The school website is used by teachers to share what the year groups are working on each term and gives ideas for what you can do at home. Our Learning at Home policy, also on the website, details what we expect from our parents in supporting learning out of school. The monthly newsletters also detail what is coming up for each year group. We are exploring the use of Year Group Blogs where photos and snippets of learning can be shared more readily. We will keep you informed of this development.</p>
<p>Really appreciate the support my child's teachers have given our son with some issues he has had. It shows a great level of genuine care given to each child.</p>	<p>Thank you for your positive comments about your child's teacher. We are pleased that you have been supported with his needs.</p>
<p>Would be great to have a rough timetable of the school day and what the topic is for the term/few weeks e.g. Ancient Egypt. Also one central calendar for all dates for all the years. Thank you</p>	<p>Information for each Year Group is on the school website. The daily timetable is flexible depending on what is being taught each day or week but there is a certain amount of structure such as play, lunch and assembly times. Details of the topics is on here too, as well as shared in the monthly newsletters. We are looking at combining all of our dates to one calendar. This is a work in progress.</p>

Year 2

<p>Really pleased with our son's progress and with the teacher using the lolly sticks for finger spaces. This has really helped him and we will start using this at home.</p>	<p>We are glad you are happy with your son's learning in his new year group. We hope the lolly stick method helps at home too. It is a good little trick!</p>
<p>We didn't get our first choice for parent evening.</p>	<p>We are sorry to hear this. The replies were organised as they came in so it may just mean that more of the slips prior to yours were for the same slot and you just missed out. Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to please everyone every time.</p>
<p>Could we please have more after school clubs?</p>	<p>We have both sports and music clubs running each week. We are looking at other options for suitable clubs for our aged children considering the limited space we have around school with both Grover and Sunflower Club using our bigger spaces.</p>
<p>Can we please have later time options for both days for parent evenings? Thank you</p>	<p>We are sorry that our timings do not suit your needs. We have to be mindful of the teachers who are leading these meetings and how long they have to be engaged with parents each night to provide an update on each individual child's learning. The first evening is planned to be just over four hours long and the second two and a half. Naturally appointments do not run to time and the actual evenings usually do not finish until almost an hour after the last appointment was supposed to be. Please remember that the teachers still have to teach full days throughout this busy week and to ask them to work any later would further impact on the quality of teaching in the class during this time. We try to give as much notice as possible for the date of the meetings so parents can book to leave work early for this one day to be able to attend. Parent evenings happen just twice each academic year.</p>
<p>Send home the work diaries/books a day before the parent evening or on the day, just in order to have more time to study and understand the work done on each of the subjects.</p>	<p>This would be lovely but, unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that we would get all the books back to use in class and to lose this record of the children's learning would be very sad. The books are available all evening so you can come as early as you like and stay later to look at the books around your appointment with the teacher. We also offer regular Drop-in sessions where you can come into class with your child to look at their books.</p>
<p>Accelerated reader activities to do online at home from the Juniors are great. Is there a version for Infants?</p>	<p>This program does provide for Infant children. It is a very expensive resource which we have reviewed several times but do not feel it would be value for money for our school at this time.</p>
<p>We were unaware of our child leaving the class for additional time on writing in another class. Please keep us informed of things like this so we can provide the necessary support.</p>	<p>We are constantly reviewing what we offer for each child in each year group to make sure their needs are being met. We run interventions throughout each day, based on how a child may have found the work in their previous lesson, to help them fill any gaps they may have so they can keep up with the learning in the next lesson. This is called Quality First Teaching and cannot always be reported to parents as it happens. We will make sure all teachers are sharing details of regular intervention groups with parents so they can support at home. It may be that parent evening was the most suitable time to share this with you so it could be discussed in detail.</p>
<p>Last year I mentioned about after school clubs and the newsletter said it would be looked at. Just was wondering whether it will happen.</p>	<p>We have been looking at a range of clubs to offer for our young children. We are yet to decide on any that we feel are suitable and practical within the school. We will update you soon on what we will be doing.</p>

General	
Pick up/drop off [parents waiting] behind the yellow line would really help!	We are constantly reminding parents and carers to please wait behind the yellow line to aid with the safe and happy collection and dismissal of our children. Unfortunately, some parents do not adhere to these requests and make the start and end of the day more stressful for other parents. Even when reminding parents in person, staff are receiving unkind looks, comments and defiance from parents who seem annoyed at being asked to move back. If we all worked together on this, all of the children, parents and staff would be happier.
Why has the rent been put up for Grover Club?	The school reviews the letting costs regularly in line with cost of living rates and we have to make sure we are able to cover our services costs with the school being in use every week day of the year apart from Christmas Day. The School is a business, just like Grover, and we cannot be losing money by offering this valuable service to parents.
A crèche facility for parent evening would be very useful.	We know this is a service parents would like us to provide however, insurance and legalities around ratios of children to adults prevent us from doing this. This is not something that is likely to change but we do offer as much notice as possible for parent evening dates to help with arranging child care.
There are too many places for communication for parents to follow with mixed messages and details not updated.	We are making sure all of our newsletters and letters are available on the website for parents to access. The app has proved to be a useful tool for school to use for quick reminders and year group notices. It is possible to filter out the ones you would like to see for your child's year group only, to reduce what you get sent. We are trying to make sure all calendars are updated regularly and are aware of a few issues recently that we are trying to address.
Not enough communication from the teachers in the communication book and often unanswered questions.	The communication books are for individual messages between parents and school and are looked at daily by staff in classes. If your messages are not being responded to please email into the office for the attention of your child's class teacher and this can be forwarded to them.
Would it be possible to have an allocated bike/scooter rack? It would help promote healthy lifestyles. Parents could love them at their own risk and use a bike lock. We would cycle more regularly but it is difficult to transport my daughters bike back home and cycle back myself.	Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this. We have looked at it many times but we simply do not have the space to dedicate to this. It would eat into the play area spaces in school that are already tight for the number of children we have.
Is there any way of making drop off and collection less congested? It is so busy and difficult to check your child has actually gone in as you cannot see past the crowd. Could there be a separate drop off and collection for Year 1 on their playground? Also would ensure children come out on time more regularly.	We are aware that the Year 2 playground is busy at the beginning and end of the day and are continually trying to find solutions to improve this. Parents remaining behind the yellow line would help to begin with. We have thought about lining Year 1 up in their playground but with so many families having siblings across Year Groups and child minders with multiple children to drop-off, we have not found a way to make this split work to benefit parents. We will reconsider this again to see if any of our new staff have ideas from the other schools they have worked at. We are willing to trial things to see if they have any impact. I am aware there is a bottle neck at dismissal and any changes to arrangements may help this but would just like to remind parents that our school day ends at 3pm- this means we are teaching up until 3pm, not that we will be out dismissing the children at this time. I am not sure all our parents realise this. Thank you
So lovely to see my daughter's work. Disappointed that my husband did not get to see it. Would it be possible to either	We are glad you enjoyed looking at the books during your meeting. Unfortunately, a crèche is no longer a viable option. We have not held meetings with children present as it can be difficult to speak honestly about how they are

<p>bring back the crèche facility or allow children to come along? It would be lovely for both parents to be able to attend.</p>	<p>in class with them listening in and younger siblings could be a distraction from the conversation. This is something I can take to the teachers to discuss to see if they have any ideas on how this could be improved.</p>
<p>We are happy with all that is being done in school. My son loves school.</p>	<p>This is good to hear. We are glad both you and your son are enjoying being part of our school.</p>