

# BIRCHFIELD NURSERY SCHOOL

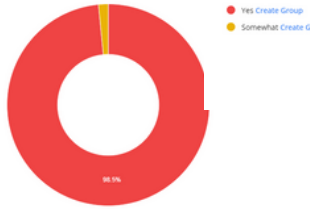
## May Newsletter



### PARENT SURVEY

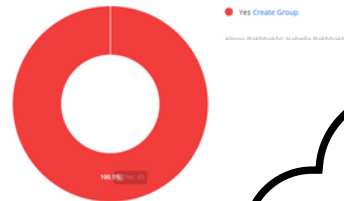
THANKYOU TO THOSE PARENTS WHO REPLIED TO THE RECENT SURVEY. THE REPNSES WERE OVERVWHELMINGLY POSITIVE WITH SOME REALLY USEFUL COMMENTS ON HOW VVE CAN IMPROVE ASPECTS OF OUR WORK. I WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORNTITY TO COMMUNICATE HOW VVE WISH TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THESE SUGGESTIONS OR ADDRESS AREAS WHERE PARENTS MOST SUGGEST CHANGE.

My child is happy attending Birchfield Nursery school



Advise parents on when the best opportunities to speak to teachers would be ie mornings, after school, contacting via email

Questions or concerns are responded to quickly



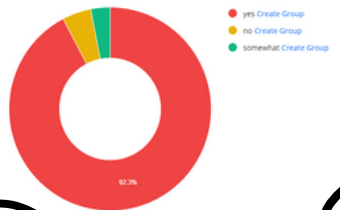
Can we email/contact teachers directly?

Staff have supported me and my child if they have faced difficulties attending



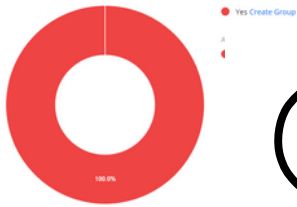
Do feedback forms more often for parents to be able to voice concerns or worries

Birchfield have fully informed me if my child has needed additional support



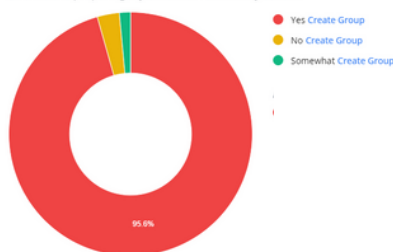
Maybe a small window each week (i dont know what time would be realistic for you) where a Q&A forum is opened up on Spider so parents can ask general questions and be responded to in real time.

I know who to approach if I have a query or concern



There could be something on the school spider where you could submit any concerns about your child and receive responses.

Birchfield is preparing my child well for Primary school



Suggestions received displayed that parents want to know when/how to contact staff and raise concerns or issues.

In the first instance I always advise parents that I can be contacted on [head@birchfield.halton.sch.uk](mailto:head@birchfield.halton.sch.uk). I endeavour to respond as quickly as possible and in most instances respond the same day. Urgent concerns contact the office on 0151 424 4681 and you will reach staff immediately. Concerns/questions are always forwarded immediately to the relevant member of staff for them to discuss matters.

We no longer have parents inside the building at drop off due to safety and safeguarding requirements and I appreciate this time can feel very rushed. Mrs Rice always logs parental comments at the gate and she is a great go-to if you need more time to pass on a message. We are looking to trial an 'open-hour' via school spider weekly with Me or Mrs Bancroft but we need to ensure that this does not impact staffing. We will be in contact to share how this may work.

There were further queries about sharing information about the school day and I agree, newsletters' have not been successful in their present form and they are read by a very small number of parents.

We will be moving to adding weekly content to class pages on the website which will be dedicated to individual groups giving, hopefully, more of a picture of how your child spends their day.

I was once a huge supporter of the 'Tapestry' app but this placed overwhelming pressure on staff with no benefit to the child. In light of government reforms in Early Years we are directed away from this practice.

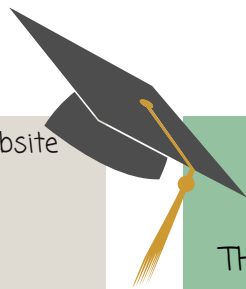
Look out for spider messages in the coming weeks to share how to access class pages and an Q&A forum.

All events can be found on our calendar on the website

## EVENTS


HALF TERM  
SCHOOL CLOSURES NORMAL TIME  
WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY  
REOPENS MONDAY 3RD JUNE

GRADUATION  
10th July 5.30 @  
Wade Deacon



## UNIFORM

THE WARM WEATHER IS TRYING TO ARRIVE AND IT IS ALWAYS AN OPTIMISTIC SIGHT TO SEE CHILDREN IN SUMMER UNIFORM. TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE WE ASK THAT GIRLS DO NOT WEAR SUMMER PLAYSUITS THAT HAVE BECOME A TREND IN RECENT YEARS. AS LOVELY AS THEY ARE THESE ARE VERY DIFFICULT FOR CHILDREN TO REMOVE.



A REMINDER TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN HAVE SUN HATS AND SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR WARM DAYS. CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO CREAM AND WATER HERE, PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN CREAM UNLESS FOR MEDICAL REASONS. BIRCHFIELD HATS ARE AVAILABLE FROM BOYDELL'S WIDNES.