

Kindergarten Parent Questionnaire

Q1 Why did you choose Charlton Kings Kindergarten?

- I have gone to all the schools in Charlton Kings and feel they are brilliant and so wanted my child to start here.
- Great reputation and felt was good preparation for starting school.
- Good reviews, the warm feeling and lovely environment, stepping stone to infants school and location
- Close to home and other children attended in the past
- We had just moved to the neighbourhood and I contacted the infants school to enquire about a pre-school and was put in touch with Kindergarten. I really like it and decided not to look around. I liked the idea of the girls being familiar with the location etc once they moved up to infants too.
- Great reputation, location, great leader.
- I wanted a setting for my son that provided something more formal than a nursery to help him prepare for school. I believe the close attention to the early years curriculum has also aided his development excellently.
- Local. I liked it being linked to the school so she gets familiar with the environment.
- Due to its reputation and to provide continuity through to reception.
- Because we wanted our son to have the opportunity to meet children he would be at school with and to be in the school environment to aid the transition to school.
- The staff, open space and direct links to school.
- To get used to the setting before attending CKIS YR.
- Because I hoped she be able to move more seamlessly into the school should she get a place.
- Next to the school where siblings go
- Great previous experience with my son who is now in Year 1 in CKIS
- Older son attended and loved it
- Location and her brother went there and seems the natural step to CKIS

Q2 How would you summarise your/your child's experience at Kindergarten (this may be included in the prospectus!)

- He has loved every minute at Kindergarten and had a great relationship with the teachers and had learnt lots
- Excellent! Would highly recommend to other families. We feel 100% comfortable leaving our child in KGs care. Good level of feedback and parent interaction.
- Love it, staff always helpful and amazing development of child since being there.
- Fantastic
- Brilliant. The girls had never left me before (apart from to see grandparents) so it was a big shock to the 3 of us – but the staff at Kindergarten handled the situation wonderfully and the girls were soon

thriving there learning new things and making new friends every day.

They now beg to go, even during school holidays or when they are poorly.

- He has loved every second! He has never looked back when going into Kindergarten, in fact it is me who has called him back to say goodbye. I have always felt safe and happy in the knowledge that my child is in good hands and having heaps of fun with his friends.
- At the beginning the settling in process was pretty daunting but care was provided. My son has really grown in independence and capability. I believe the experience he has had will assist him to settle into school life well. Staff members as a whole have been lovely, friendly and engaging with us as parents, siblings and Kindergarten attendees.
- Loves it, never had a day she didn't want to go in. Enjoys being able to choose whether to play inside or out. The Kindergarten do lots of varied activities which she likes to take part in it all.
- Stimulating, challenging and nurturing. She has flourished in this wholly child-centred setting. The environment and staff has fostered such a confidence in her.
- It has been positive for both of us. He has made friends and sometimes seen his sibling who is at the school. We feel like he has really grown in independence and has a very good rapport with the carers and the other children.
- We couldn't have asked for a more positive start to school life.
- They like attending and feel comfortable and safe.
- It has completely changed her confidence in all aspects of life. She looks forward to coming to Kindergarten and seeing all the friends she has made. Had I not moved her from nursery to Kindergarten I do not think I would have seen the change that we have. I now feel confident that she will be able to tackle school.
- Felicity adores the staff and free play
- Fun, friendly and happy creative environment
- Full of fun and laughter and made lovely new friends.
- Wonderful! Martha has grown in confidence noticeably and loves going

Q3 What have you liked particularly about Kindergarten?

- The wide variety of activities they do and skills that they gain for their next stage in school life
- Genuine interest in the children from all members of staff
- Different activities, emphasis on learning through play, freedom of activities and parents involvement
- Everything
- Aside from the wonderful staff, I love the fact that they have the infants school resources and that the transition to "big school" should be a relatively easy one given they go through the same gates and play in the same playground every day and even occasionally meet the school head too.

- Friendly staff. The children are free to express themselves and find their own talents in an environment that is slightly structured to enable them to develop all round learning skills.
- The infinite warmth and patience of the staff and the children's opportunities to extend their learning. This is evident in her confidence to make decision and her creativity.
- I feel like the days and activities are well-thought out and structured. I enjoy seeing the photos of what he's being doing and he likes to talk to me about them. He has a very close relationship with his key worker and that really helped him to settle in. She seems to know him well.
- The kindness of staff and the structure in place. He has always felt so safe.
- The communication about what the kids have been up to especially Gemma's emails and updates as we use Kids Club.
- The teachers, the things she has been able to learn about and seeing how much she clearly enjoys her days there.
- How safe I feel my child is and the importance of guiding through play. My daughter has also become far more independent and willing to do things on her own, such as dress herself.
- The gentle structure and happiness of the children.
- Mix with school.
- The friendliness of openness of all staff.

Q4 What has your child liked?

- He likes imaginative and role play best and dressing up in different outfits.
- Artwork!
- Different activities
- Everything
- Everything – the friends they've made, the things they've learnt, the yellow slips, the sandpit, circle time.
- Everything! Especially circle time and sharing his blue and yellow slips.
- The variety of things he has been able to play with, Pilates and circle time!
- Everything!!!
- Florence talks most about Pilates, integration with the older children through whole school activities and opportunities to perform!
- Playing outside!
The variety of activities, including bought in sessions like the Pilates.
- Making friends and playing
- Teachers, friends, plain in the home corner and when she gets to talk about play at home.
- The sand.
- Painting, small world and loves the outside space
- Playing me making friends.
- Mrs Howie☺

Q5 Have you attended any of the Parent interactions sessions?

NO: 3

YES: 14

If yes, did you find it/them useful? 13

Q6 Do you feel comfortable about approaching the staff with a concern:

YES: 17

No: 0

Q7 Do you feel that you are encouraged to work with the staff?

YES: 17

NO: 0

Q8 Do you feel that you are kept informed about what your child is doing and how they are doing at Kindergarten?

YES: 17

NO:

If no, what else would you like us to do?

'Yes however drop off and pick up are crazy busy'

Q9 Is your child usually happy to come to Kindergarten?

YES: 17

NO: 0