

This school makes me feel welcome

- Covid has made it so hard to get to know the feel of the school. Being a previous parent I know how each child is cared for but if you were a new parent it would be very hard to understand that nurturing feel as you can never go into school. its obviously exceptional circumstances and there is little you can do.
- It's less don't know, more neither agree nor disagree. staff are generally friendly from what we see of them, but obviously contact is limited due to Covid restrictions so school hasn't had a chance to be particularly welcoming. Plus, my child is F2 so first year at school so that's all we've experienced.

Any further comments on home learning

- I know it's a very difficult time and the last 12 months have hindered learning. He certainly seems to be thriving much more under his teacher but I don't know where he should be / at what level. I also understand given what's happened they you may not either.
- Teams worked really well and we always received feedback from which motivated my child to keep going.
- Despite being away from school, the quality of teaching has been excellent! The use of Teams has worked so well and the video inputs for each lesson that the teachers prepared were not only helpful but really engaging too. The feedback both on Teams and on Class Dojo was really encouraging and motivating and my child loved reading the comments and seeing the emojis. The communication (e.g. when there were technical issues) was amazing and really helped make home learning run as smoothly as possible. They loved the dinosaur topic and really enjoyed the variety of tasks, including Mr Peat's PE sessions, Mrs Watkins' music lessons and the daily stories. It was also lovely for my child to see his friends every day at register time and he really enjoyed the live phonics lessons too. It was so nice that despite children being at home, they could still participate in World Book Day and the activities were lots of fun.
- The back-to-school calendar challenges were a lovely idea to help with the transition back to school as was the back-to-school scavenger hunt and the Teams meeting to returning to school. Thank you so much to everyone at Westdale for all the huge amount of effort put into home learning. We really appreciate it!
- Home learning through the last lockdown was brilliant and well received.
- Quite hard to understand when you have never done it before.
- Home learning was engaging and perfectly sized. Which meant he didn't get bored or fed up.
- We have only done home learning once, but it was pretty straight forward, and easy to be able to help him do his learning. Plus we was able to do it when needed throughout the day.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school for all their hard work during lockdown , it has not gone unnoticed the additional work that the teachers have put in to provide learning for children in school and at home
- Home learning was great during Covid
- We found the home learning provided by the nursery staff to be excellent- lots of fun activities to choose from to explore learning through play. No pressure to do everything, lots of encouragement- it was a huge help.
- Home learning was brilliant during the previous lockdown. Really impressive, helped us massively at home. great ideas and motivation.