Parental Engagement: Early Years

Parental Engagement for Early Years took the following form:

* Literacy Workshops
* Numeracy Workshops

Evaluation Forms were handed out to parents at the end of the events:

**On the whole feedback from parents was very positive**:

*‘Good to see how the children learn, and also the different ways they learn’ 5\**

*‘I thought the literacy workshop is a great idea, I loved watching how the kids work, seeing previous work and also how you are teaching the kids so we can use the same ideas at home’ 5\**

*‘I really enjoyed the workshop, was good to see how the children are learning’ 5\**

*‘Thank you for the opportunity to watch my son doing his letters learning. I had a great time and looking forward to more workshops like that.’ 5\**

*‘Good to see how the kids learn using equipment.’ 5\**

*‘It was a fantastic opportunity to see my child in classroom setting. Great way to understand how phonics helps to learn new letters go I can continue at home. Could not be better. Thank you!’ 5\**

*‘Brilliant idea, I loved being able to come see how the kids learn.’ 5\**

*Good to see a snapshot into life in the classroom.’ 5\**

*‘Was an excellent opportunity to see how my kids are learning. Really enjoyed and was worthwhile.’ 5\**

*‘Good to see what they do in the classroom and how they learn. Good to have morning sessions too rather than mid-day’ 4\**

*‘Was really impressed with the learning pattern.’ 5\**

*‘Great for us to see how the kids are learning in class so we can do same at home. Good to see them in the learning environment.’ 5\**

*‘I thought it was great to see all the things my child has been learning in the classroom’ 5\**

*‘Really enjoyed seeing my child’s learning and seeing him in his classroom setting’ 4\**

*‘Enjoyed seeing Marcus in work and how he learns new things.’ 5\**

*‘Really enjoyed getting to see the work done in class. Helpful to see how the P1s are taught’ 5\**

*‘Good insight into classroom, well organised, good time of the day.’ 5\**

*‘Good time, very good class activities. Got a copy of homework to give to Dad so he can practice with him’ 5\**

*‘Fab to see them working in class’ 5\**

*‘Was good to see the way they get taught and helpful tips for helping at home’ 5\**

*‘Great Session!’ 5\**

*‘I love these opportunities to see my kids learning. Very pleased to be able to do this’ 5\**

*‘Was good to see how the kids work and interact with each other and help each other at the table.’ 5\**

*‘A lovely hour to see how numeracy is taught to give us an idea how to continue at home. Can see how important homework is to prepare for class.’ 5\**

*‘Another great workshop, has given me lots of ideas to continue progress at home’ 5\**

*‘Love seeing how the kids learn. Had a great morning.’ 5\**

*‘This was very nice to see kids learning and playing and have the opportunity to take part.’ 5\**

*‘Very enjoyable seeing child do tasks really impressed with class’ 5\**

*‘Good activities, gives good ideas for homework at home’ 5\**

*‘Really interesting and great opportunity to see your child in a learning environment’ 5\**

*‘Another great opportunity’ 4\**

*‘Fab to see what children are doing in class’ 5\**

*‘Interesting to see how numbers are learned within class’ 5\**

*‘More structure than Open day. Good to see children’s daily maths activities’ 4\**

*‘Good listening skills learned’ 5\**

*‘Good to see how the kids learn so we can support them at home.’ 5\**

*‘Numeracy workshop really good. Good 9.15am session to fit in’ 5\**

*‘It was a real eye opener for me. It gives me a chance to see how he gets on with others and where I can help him.’ 5\**

*‘Was very good. I enjoyed doing the activities that was set out.’ 5\**

**Parents made the following comments regarding what they would have liked from our Parental Engagement Events**:

*‘My only criticism would be the frequency of parental interaction through the working week, as it is difficult to attend them all with work.’ 5\**

*‘Evening sessions would be preferred’ 5\**

*‘We would like to learn more about reading’ 4\**

To address the above comments:

* We will continue to offer opportunities to parents and carers throughout the session which are formal curricular sessions as well as informal Open day sessions.
* As this is early days for Primary 1, a reading workshop can be arranged for later on in the session
* On the weeks that the literacy workshops occurred there was also the Open day. All of these opportunities to visit their child’s class are voluntary sessions and are offered to give parents the chance to visit if they wish. We can be more aware of the number of events we have within a week to ensure that parents are not asking for too much time off work within any given time.

**Average rating out of 5: 4.3**