



Parental Views and Attitude Survey

Year 5 Transition: Autumn Term 2017

Please place a tick in the boxes that express your thinking best.

- 1 When did you start thinking about which middle school your child would go to?

Year 3 or earlier	74%
Year 4	25%
Not sure	1%

- 2 Did you seriously consider sending your child to another school?

Yes	27%
No	73%

- 3 If you attended the open evening at Walkwood while your child was still at first school, please provide your impression of our school's:

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor
Emphasis on academic results	60%	35%	5%	0%
Relationship with parents	70%	30%	0%	0%
Atmosphere and ethos	84%	16%	0%	0%
Non-academic activities	63%	34%	3%	0%
Buildings and facilities	53%	42%	5%	0%
Focus on the child as an individual	77%	23%	0%	0%
Friendliness of teaching staff	81%	19%	0%	0%
Safety	73%	27%	0%	0%

- 4 How important were the following factors in choosing Walkwood?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not at all important
Distance from home	42%	40%	17%	1%
School's atmosphere and/or ethos	82%	18%	0%	0%
Good pastoral care	63%	31%	6%	0%
Buildings in good order	36%	61%	3%	0%
Specialist facilities (eg art, music, sports)	45%	52%	3%	0%
Availability of after-school clubs	43%	42%	14%	1%
Reputation for behaviour and discipline	75%	25%	0%	0%
Academic outcomes	62%	38%	0%	0%
Commitment to three-tier schooling	43%	38%	16%	3%
Availability of Funzone as an after-hours provider	25%	17%	31%	27%

5 How important were each of the following sources of information in your choice of Walkwood?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not at all important
Recommendation by friends and relatives	34%	32%	31%	3%
The views of other children already in school	47%	42%	11%	0%
My own child's views	78%	20%	2%	0%
School prospectus	42%	52%	6%	0%
School website	33%	56%	9%	2%
Open evening / visit to school	75%	19%	5%	1%
Ofsted report	62%	31%	7%	0%

6 Walkwood held two intake days in July, when Year 4 children spent time in school in preparation for starting in September. What were your child's views on this?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
It was enjoyable and fun	88%	12%	0%	0%
The activities on offer were interesting	75%	25%	0%	0%
It made them less nervous about starting school in September	88%	12%	0%	0%
It was helpful meeting teachers and peers	86%	14%	0%	0%
It was helpful finding out who would be in their form	80%	18%	2%	0%
The presentation in the evening was helpful	66%	31%	3%	0%

7 How did your child feel when they first started at Walkwood?

Not at all concerned	31%
A bit concerned	57%
Concerned	11%
Very concerned	1%

8 How did YOU feel when your child first started at Walkwood?

Not at all concerned	37%
A bit concerned	55%
Concerned	3%
Very concerned	5%

- 9 Which, if any, of the following things do you worry about for your child now the term has begun?

Organisation (remembering books, equipment, homework, etc)	39%
Amount of freedom	5%
Too little homework	4%
Too much homework	16%
Level of work	17%
Adjusting to having many teachers	19%

- 10 How do you think your child has settled in?

Very well	81%
Quite well	16%
Not very well	3%
Not well at all	0%

- 11 How satisfied are you with communication with the school?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Not satisfied	Not at all satisfied
The initial letter from the school	91%	9%	0%	0%
The 'Welcome Booklet' for pupils	90%	10%	0%	0%
The 'Welcome Booklet' for parents	89%	11%	0%	0%
'The Insider' newsletter	76%	24%	0%	0%
Letters sent home	69%	30%	1%	0%
Telephone contact	63%	37%	0%	0%
Pupil planners	74%	25%	1%	0%
The school website	58%	42%	0%	0%

- 12 How satisfied are you with the whole process of your child's move to Walkwood?

Very satisfied	89%
Satisfied	11%
Not satisfied	0%
Not satisfied at all	0%

- 13 How likely would you be to recommend Walkwood Church of England Middle School to a friend or relative for their own children?

Very likely	91%
Likely	9%
Not likely	0%
Not likely at all	0%

Please share any other information that you think relates to the transition process for your child.

I think the “buddy” system is a fantastic idea as the children who have already been through the experience can explain it to them on their level.

My son has come from a non-feeder school therefore doesn't know anyone as he's new to the area, the whole transition has been much better than I could have hoped due to the friendliness of the staff. Thank you!

For a child with additional needs, your transition process has been brilliant – thank you.

I was concerned my child would find the transition from primary school to middle school very difficult however I couldn't be more pleased with how smoothly it has gone! She looks forward to coming in each day and has made various friends. Thank You!

The transition has been outstanding. Help has been available for my son and me as a parent. The help and support we have both encountered has been excellent. Providing specialist equipment and support. Thank-you

We have been very pleased with the transition process. Staff always seem to go the extra mile to be helpful (very impressed that the crossings on Feckenham Road and Tennyson Road are manned after school to see the children safely across.) Our son loves Walkwood, and we are really pleased that we chose it and were able to obtain a place. Keep up the good work!

Our son had additional transition days which were hugely beneficial to him. We have no doubt that this helped him relax into middle school well.

My daughter has settled in well and the school has a great atmosphere and always feels very welcoming.

Brilliant school. Can't thank you enough for what you have done for my other 2 children that attended Walkwood and look forward to the next 4 years with my youngest.

My daughter was very nervous about leaving The Vaynor and starting Walkwood but she so far is loving every minute which makes me a happy parent. Long may this continue.

Approachable, friendly and informative approach has worked wonderfully. Cannot fault the first 2 weeks. Great job, well done. One happy boy and 2 happy parents.

I have been very happy with my child's transition to Walkwood, particularly as few of his peers have moved with him from first school. I'm especially pleased with the pastoral care at Walkwood. I'm confident my child is going to thrive at Walkwood Middle School!

Your time in completing this survey is appreciated. Please ask your child to return this form to the drop box in school.

The results will be processed and posted on the school website.

Any matters that the survey raises will be carefully considered by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors.

**Thank
you.**

