



Parental Views and Attitude Survey

Year 5 Transition: Autumn Term 2016

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	73%
Year 4	26%
Not sure	1%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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	61%	38%	1%	0%
Relationship with parents	69%	27%	4%	0%
Atmosphere and ethos	83%	17%	0%	0%
Non-academic activities	66%	31%	3%	0%
Buildings and facilities	60%	35%	5%	0%
Focus on the child as an individual	73%	22%	5%	0%
Friendliness of teaching staff	81%	19%	0%	0%
Safety	68%	29%	3%	0%

4 How important were the following factors in choosing Walkwood?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not at all important
Distance from home	32%	52%	10%	6%
School's atmosphere and/or ethos	81%	18%	1%	0%
Good pastoral care	66%	29%	5%	0%
Buildings in good order	37%	57%	6%	0%
Specialist facilities (eg art, music, sports)	42%	49%	8%	1%
Availability of after-school clubs	32%	45%	17%	6%
Reputation for behaviour and discipline	73%	27%	0%	0%
Academic outcomes	62%	36%	1%	1%
Commitment to three-tier schooling	54%	30%	13%	3%
Availability of Funzone as an after-hours provider	13%	23%	41%	23%

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	35%	46%	13%	6%
The views of other children already in school	46%	41%	12%	1%
My own child's views	82%	17%	1%	0%
School prospectus	35%	56%	8%	1%
School website	26%	54%	19%	1%
Open evening / visit to school	61%	39%	0%	0%
Ofsted report	49%	43%	7%	1%

6 Walkwood held two intake days in July, when Year 5 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	79%	21%	0%	0%
The activities on offer were interesting	70%	29%	1%	0%
It made them less nervous about starting school in September	76%	24%	0%	0%
It was helpful meeting teachers and peers	79%	21%	0%	0%
It was helpful finding out who would be in their form	78%	22%	0%	0%
The presentation in the evening was helpful	60%	40%	0%	0%

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

Not at all concerned	40%
A bit concerned	45%
Concerned	8%
Very concerned	7%

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

Not at all concerned	38%
A bit concerned	48%
Concerned	7%
Very concerned	7%

- 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)	43%
Amount of freedom	2%
Too little homework	1%
Too much homework	24%
Level of work	17%
Adjusting to having many teachers	13%

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

Very well	71%
Quite well	29%
Not very well	0%
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	76%	24%	0%	0%
The 'Welcome Booklet' for pupils	78%	22%	0%	0%
The 'Welcome Booklet' for parents	80%	20%	0%	0%
'The Insider' newsletter	55%	45%	0%	0%
Letters sent home	59%	40%	1%	0%
Telephone contact	45%	54%	1%	0%
Pupil planners	73%	26%	1%	0%
The school website	53%	47%	0%	0%

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

Very satisfied	80%
Satisfied	20%
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	87%
Likely	13%
Not likely	0%
Not likely at all	0%

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

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.**

