St Saviour C of E Primary School
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Reception Induction Questionnaire Analysis / Feedback – 2026 - 2027

We almost had a 53% return rate of the induction questionnaires this year. This is the highest response rate in the last four years. 23% in 2025, 36% in 2024 and 41% in 2023. We thank parents for taking the time to complete feedback because it helps the school to evaluate its practice and ensure we are doing the best we can for all the children and their families.

Below, is a breakdown of responses to each question. I have added some answers in response to some questions to help clarify or explain why some procedures had to be as they were.

Induction Prior To September.

1. **Did you feel you were given enough information prior to your child's entry to St Saviours'?**
   Every response said yes.
   "Yes, it couldn't have been clearer or more thorough"
   "Yes, we felt very well informed and the staff were supportive and approachable."
   "Yes, I don't know what more you could have done."

2. **Did you feel supported by the school prior to starting in September?**
   Every response said yes.
   "Yes, provided with a lot of information
   "Absolutely. Mrs Bowman swiftly replied to any questions I had via email just before **** started."

3. **What things did you find most helpful prior to your child starting school in September?**
   The responses were all referring to a combination of the support from the website, e mails, video's, induction meeting/child workshop and the welcome information packs.
   "The taster session and website videos helped to settle *****when nervous."
   "Knowing who would be in her class and meeting the team."
   "Lots of communication from Mrs Bowman."
   "The packs with useful information inside and learning about methods of teaching."

4. **Is there anything else you feel would have been beneficial to include in our induction if we find ourselves in the same position next year?**
   Some responses did not have any suggestions to make.
   "I do not think you could do anymore in my opinion."
   A couple of suggestions that were made were:
   "I think the only thing might be some sort of Year 1 parent tips board. People leaving Reception advice."
   I really like this idea and so plan to invite parents to share thoughts and advice, closer to the summer term. I will then collate this information and provide it to next years new parents at their welcome meeting. Thank you for the idea!
   "Being able to set the app prior to the school year."
   I have spoken to the office about this but they informed me that we are unable to add the new users on until they have officially started on their first day in September. In addition to payments the app is also used for messaging parents and notifying about letters. I will continue to ensure that I try to e mail parents with anything that is sent out on the app in the early days to ensure parents

do not miss anything. I am aware this does not help with payments though. It is in the school's interest to also have you up and running on the app as soon as possible, so we would urge parents to seek support from the office if they are having issues initially. I know they can usually sort most things out.

"Possibly more than one session for the children but I understand this is hard to fit in!"

"I think an induction morning would be better than an afternoon but very minor."

Pre COVID, we did run more than one taster session prior to starting in September but feedback at that time had been that it was a lot for working parents and difficult for them to work around. There was always a logistical problem as well of having to provide support and cover for the current Reception cohort, who have to move out of their classroom! A morning session is definitely something to consider though. We currently feel that the week staggard intake in September is more beneficial than additional visits prior to September because we can the continue with the momentum of introducing your child to routines and building friendships day after day, rather then then having a break.

5. **If there are any other comments you would like to make about the induction procedures prior to your child starting in September, please use the space provided below.**

"I have worked in a number of schools and haven't seen an induction as thorough and well thought out as St Saviour's. Mrs Bowman couldn't be more helpful and kind and it is no wonder both *** (and *****when he started) were excited for school and settled so well. Thank you."

"Honestly nothing! As first-time school parents we can't fault the process."

Induction Since September

1. **How did you and your child find the initial first week induction?**
(Reduced from 2 weeks to 1 week. Although due to starting on a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday, actually 3 half days!)

This is usually the question that causes some mixed responses but this year everyone was very supportive of the half day staggard week and with the length of it. Answers also reflected the range of experiences children were coming from as well i.e. some full time at nursery, some part time etc…There was a clear agreement that a longer induction would have been problematic though.

"I found it worked well. I know a lot of parents ask for their children to go full time straight away but school classes are very different to nurseries and ****and ****appreciated shorter days. 3 days then full time the following week was perfect for us."

"It was ok for ****and manageable for us. More would have been problematic and not beneficial."

"Really positive. I'm a stay-at-home mum and ****only went to nursery 2 days a week so I was worried about the transition to full time but I actually think it worked perfectly!"

2. **Do you feel you or your child have been supported during their initial few weeks in school?**

Almost all the responses were positive and replied 'yes'.

"100%. All questions answered and everything really clear."

"Yes! The staff have all been so kind, helpful and friendly. The half days / half class induction also supported the nursery-school transition.

"Mrs Bowman and her team have been incredible! I have loved seeing all the Facebook and Twitter posts and feel we are regularly kept up-to-date with emails, letters etc…I know if I have any concerns or questions, I can speak with the class team either face to face or via email."

We just had one response that said:

"Yes, although we don't get much insight on what he does daily."
I am aware that some nurseries do a hand over chat at collection time and this is possibly one way much more daily information can be handed over. Unfortunately, with the way schools are organised I personally have not found it possible to do this in a school setting. I will continue to try to put as much on Facebook and Twitter / website to try to give an insight and continue with e-mails. I am fully open to suggestions of other methods though.

3. **Did you find the initial briefing meeting in September informative? (Or the briefing information on the website if you were unable to make the meeting?)**
Everyone who was able to attend the meeting replied yes and those that commented that they were unable to make the meeting still found the pack helpful
"Yes very helpful, you could not do more."
"Yes, all information was really clear."

"I was unable to make the meeting but yes the information on the website is helpful."

4. **Please feel free to use the space provided below if you would like to make any further comments about your child's induction since they began in September or have any ideas for the future?**
"Maybe set ne parents up on the app prior to children starting school and only send information out on the app once new parents are registered."
This came up in response to an earlier question in this questionnaire. Please refer to the response to question 4 in the 'Prior to September Induction' part of this feedback. I will try to ensure I e-mail any whole school letters out to Reception parents, especially in the early days when there may be app technical issues etc…

"I think the quote from ****says it all…I love St Saviours. It's so much fun!"
"*****has settled in Reception with ease as I knew she would. Unfortunately, don't have any suggestions as the process was perfect for us."
"Thank you for all the support and care you have shown, we are delighted with how well our son has settled into Reception at St Saviour."
"I felt ****would be fine – but she's enjoyed it more than I expected. Thank you for the great job you and the team do!
"Hearing about other schools, there's not much more St Saviour could have done to welcome the new kids."
"Keep doing what you are doing!"

Thank you for the comments you have made. They are all appreciated. The responses were all extremely positive but we do not want to become complacent so will constantly be striving to support further wherever possible.

If parents think of anything in the future, we would encourage them to come to us and we will welcome any comments and further thoughts.

Can we also take this opportunity to acknowledge the support and important role that parents have played in the induction of the children prior to and since September. Thank you to all families for what they have done to work with us and support their child's transition to our school.

A Bowman October 2026