




Parental Views and Attitude Survey

Year 5 Transition: Autumn Term 2018

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	68%
Year 4	30%
Not sure	2%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor
Emphasis on academic results	39%	55%	6%	0%
Relationship with parents	60%	35%	5%	0%
Atmosphere and ethos	75%	25%	0%	0%
Non-academic activities	60%	35%	5%	0%
Buildings and facilities	46%	49%	5%	0%
Focus on the child as an individual	53%	42%	5%	0%
Friendliness of teaching staff	70%	30%	0%	0%
Safety	56%	40%	4%	0%

4 How important were the following factors in choosing Walkwood?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not at all important
School's atmosphere and/or ethos	82%	18%	0%	0%
Good pastoral care	63%	35%	1%	1%
Buildings in good order	32%	61%	7%	0%
Specialist facilities (eg art, music, sports)	35%	59%	6%	0%
Availability of after-school clubs	33%	45%	18%	4%
Reputation for behaviour and discipline	79%	18%	3%	0%
Academic outcomes	56%	43%	1%	0%
Distance from home	40%	35%	23%	2%
Commitment to three-tier schooling	41%	38%	17%	4%
Availability of Funzone as an after-hours provider	13%	26%	28%	33%

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	25%	59%	14%	2%
The views of other children already in school	49%	47%	2%	2%
My own child's views	77%	23%	0%	0%
School prospectus	29%	65%	6%	0%
School website	16%	73%	11%	0%
Open evening / visit to school	60%	35%	4%	1%
Ofsted report	46%	48%	6%	0%
Church of England Inspection report	23%	46%	27%	4%

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	75%	25%	0%	0%
The activities on offer were interesting	71%	28%	0%	1%
It made them less nervous about starting school in September	80%	16%	4%	0%
It was helpful meeting teachers and peers	83%	17%	0%	0%
It was helpful finding out who would be in their form	80%	20%	0%	0%
The presentation in the evening was helpful	61%	36%	1%	2%

7 How did your child feel about coming to Walkwood?

a) Before they started?

Not at all anxious	27%
A bit anxious	51%
Anxious	15%
Very anxious	7%

b) After a month?

Not at all anxious	81%
A bit anxious	14%
Anxious	4%
Very anxious	1%

8 How did YOU feel about your child coming to Walkwood?

a) Before they started?

Not at all anxious	28%
A bit anxious	41%
Anxious	20%
Very anxious	11%

b) Now your child has been here for a while

Not at all anxious	72%
A bit anxious	23%
Anxious	5%
Very anxious	0%

- 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)	40%
Amount of freedom	7%
Too little homework	2%
Too much homework	22%
Level of work	16%
Adjusting to having many teachers	13%

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

Very well	68%
Quite well	30%
Not very well	1%
Not well at all	1%

- 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%	23%	0%	1%
The 'Welcome Booklet' for pupils	82%	18%	0%	0%
The 'Welcome Booklet' for parents	81%	18%	1%	0%
'The Insider' newsletter	71%	25%	4%	0%
Letters sent home	59%	38%	2%	1%
Telephone contact	51%	44%	4%	1%
Pupil planners	64%	35%	1%	0%
The school website	58%	40%	2%	0%

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

Very satisfied	78%
Satisfied	22%
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%

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

A total of 82 forms were received back.

Your time in completing this survey is appreciated.

Please ask your child to return this form to the red post box in School by Friday 12 October 2018.

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.

