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Dear Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to complete our Parent Consultation for New Starters.

Below is a summary of the results for your interest. I am very pleased to say that it seems our personal touches are much appreciated and the response has been very positive.

7 forms were sent out and 4 completed forms have now been received.

Grading used on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=poor 5=excellent).

1 How welcome were you made to feel on approaching the school in the first instance?

4 out of 4 responses grade 5

Comments made included:

- All teachers and receptionists were very welcoming and would talk and show me around
- It is lovely that siblings have always been made to feel very welcome both on a daily basis and at special occasions. I think that this made the transition to starting school very easy.
- 2 How well informed did you feel prior to your child/ren starting the school?

4 out of 4 responses grade 5

Comments made included:

- We already had a child at the school but the meeting for paretns of reception children made sure that we were fully up to date.
- I received letters with all the information about starting school and what to do
- What part of the induction process did you find the most useful e.g. prospectus, pre visit information, school tour...

3 out of 4 responses grade 5. 1 no response

Comments made included:

- School visit
- All aspects were great but we always find the induction night the best because you get to ask questions on any queries you have. Also get to look around too.
- Previsits, parents evening, the first 5 weeks were quite unsettling as he wanted to stay and couldn't. I thought it was too long and 1-2 weeks would have been long enough.

• I thought that the whole package was an excellent way to cover everything. We had the opportunity to look around, ask guestions and read more information at leisure.

4 How well do you think your child has settled into school life and routines?

3 out of 4 responses grade 5 1 out of 4 responses grade 4

Comments made included:

- I think she has settled in very well. I think it's been made easier because she was already very familiar with the school and staff and many of the pupils already knew her and always spoke to her. She has also has her sister with her and they are very close, so that is a comfort.
- My child is very comfortable at your school, so they settled straight away and found routine within a week. The older children are so helpful and kind.

What factors do you think have contributed to the way in which your child started school?

3 out of 4 responses grade 5. 1 not graded

Comments made included:

- Friendly staff and children
- I think it was made easier because she already knew the school and everyone knew her, she has her sister and lots of friends already there and her best friend from nursery started with her. She is also a very confident person and she fits in easily
- The staff and other children are so kind and approachable which really helps new children settle well. There is also routine so they know that they do PE on Monday, swimming on Thursday
- His age
- That there is no pre-school within the school
- If you have any personal and additional comments that you would like to make we would be very pleased to receive them as this helps to inform our school for future developments.

Comments made included:

- Feels like he's always been a part of the school. First term has flown.
- I have two children at Egton School now and both one of my children is extremely shy and your staff have bought them out of their self and now they are so confident.
- We couldn't be more delighted with the school, the staff, the ethos and our girls happiness at school

School Response

- We are very glad to know that our arrangements help our children to settle so quickly and happily
- We believe that the 'staggered' start that we run is best practice and in the best interests of the child. However, we have always been flexible around this issue and willing to negotiate to help parents out
- We have an excellent feeder playgroup and it would not currently be appropriate for us to setup our own preschool.

Yours sincerely,