

Analysis of the Impact of the Social and Communication Classes



**"To raise the aspirations of every child and give them
confidence to fulfil their potential through positive
experiences"**

Questionnaire Analysis ASC Provision

On arriving at Orrets Meadow the children in the Social and Communication Classes and their parents completed a questionnaire. They completed the same questionnaire at the end of the academic year (July 2014).

Children's Questionnaires

In the children's questionnaire thirteen children took part, the results are as follows:

Question	Not as good Response	Same Response	Better Response
Can you give me 3 words to describe the school?	0	0	13 (100%)
Do you like school?	0	2 (15%)	11 (85%)
What helps you in school?	0	3 (23%)	10 (77%)
What do you find difficult	0	3 (23%)	10 (77%)
Have you got many friends in school?	0	9 (69%)	4 (31%)
What is your favourite part of the day?	0	1 (8%)	12 (92%)
What is your worst part of the day?	0	4 (31%)	9 (69%)
How many would you give the school out of 10?	0	2 (15%)	11 (85%)
Do you feel you are good at doing work?	0	4 (31%)	9 (69%)

Some examples of responses before and after the children's questionnaire:

Question	Old School	Orrets Meadow
Can you give me 3 words to describe the school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good • Boring • Noisy • A little happy • They don't believe in me • Bad • The worst • Rubbish • Okay • Unfriendly • Hard • Annoying • I would not go back to that school ever • Dusty • I didn't do anything 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funny • Brilliant • Nice • Amazing • Wonderful • Fantastic teachers • Good • Quiet • Space • Good for my purposes, good for my problems, good for my learning • Super • Helpful • Considerate • Small • Great • Awesome • Exciting • Fun • Best school ever • Happy
Do you like school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No it was boring • Sort of • Not that much • No • Never 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • I don't like it - I love it!
What helps you in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • Nothing • They made you line up girl boy I did not like it • It did not help me • I don't remember • The TA helps sometimes • Writing books • Reading • The staff • Going out of class with my 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • PE coaches • My friends • Mrs Wright • Mrs Forshaw • Mrs Maddocks • Computers • Learning lots of things • Mr Campbell • Mrs Ward • Maths

	1:1's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The good work • Mr White • Rosie • The type of work we are doing The way the school helps us work things out and multi task • When I'm stuck the teachers help • My alphabet • My maths pack • Numicom
What do you find difficult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything • Being in class • There were 30 children it was too much • When I feel stressed • I don't like to be rushed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answering this question because there is nothing • I don't find much difficult in school now but I don't know everything yet, there are still words that get me and there is a lot more to learn in life.
Have you got many friends in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Not sure • I have 2 • No • I find it hard to make friends people tease me. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots • Yes • I know almost everyone in school!
What is your favourite part of the day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtime because I can do my own thing • Home time • PE • When I could go on the grass • Nothing • Art but we did not do much • The teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths because it is my favourite subject. My dad is good at maths so I guess I just get my maths from my dad's side • Groups are fun I like the memory games • I like history, Science and Maths • Doing computers • Art

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doing lunchtime clubs at dinner time
What is your worst part of the day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunchtime, I had a pack lunch then I moved to dinners and I had to wait in a line. When I could not go to football. Maths, English I didn't really like Coming into school Playtime I used to fight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaving, literally I love everything. Even the food tastes like my mum's home cooked food. I don't have one, nothing Home time Time without Mrs Wright Going home
How many would you give the school out of 10?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 but I would give Mrs Wright a 20 If I could I would give it 1000

Parents Questionnaire

In the parents questionnaire eleven parents took part. The data from their previous setting was compared to their Orrets Meadow data. On the scale **1 was very/definitely** and **5 was no**.

Previous Setting					
Question	1	2	3	4	5
Were you happy with the previous setting as your child's school?	2 (18%)	0	3 (27%)	1 (9%)	5 (45%)
Did your child make the correct amount of progress?	1 (9%)	1 (9%)	3 (27%)	1 (9%)	5 (45%)
Did you get enough information regarding your child?	4 (36%)	0	2 (18%)	4 (36%)	1 (9%)

Do you feel your child was happy in this setting?	2 (18%)	1 (9%)	4 (36%)	2 (18%)	2 (18%)
Did you have enough opportunities to visit the school?	3 (27%)	5 (45%)	2 (18%)	0	1 (9%)
Did you get copies of your child's IEP and could talk about it with a teacher?	2 (18%)	2 (18%)	5 (45%)	2 (18%)	0

Orreets Meadow					
Question	1	2	3	4	5
Are you happy with Orreets Meadow/previous setting as your child's school?	11 (100%)				
Do you feel your child has made the correct amount of progress?	7 (64%)	4 (36%)			
Do you get enough information regarding your child?	7 (64%)	4 (36%)			
Do you feel your child is happy in this setting?	8 (73%)	3 (27%)			
Do you have enough	7	3	1		

opportunities to visit the school?	(64%)	(27%)	(9%)		
Did you get copies of your child's IEP and could talk about it with a teacher?	10 (91%)	1 (9%)			

Parents Questionnaire Analysis

Comparing the baseline regarding the previous school to Orrets Meadow:

- 81% of parents were happier with their child attending Orrets Meadow than their child's previous setting
- 81% more of the parents thought their child was now making the correct amount of progress
- 67% more parents believed they were getting enough information about their child
- 73% more parents said their child was happy in the setting
- 18% more parents said they had enough opportunities to visit the school
- 67% more parents said they had copies of the IEP's and could talk to a teacher about them

Parent Comments

Some examples of responses before and after the parents questionnaire:

	Previous Setting	Orrets Meadow
Are you happy with the academic setting your child is in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My child was socially isolated. There was a lack of understanding of her condition. • Poor management of his issues. He was always blamed for any problems. • He was happy most of the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was the best move and decision I made for my son • Yes he is happy and the staff do everything to help both him and us • Excellent • He is a lot happier also his reading and writing is amazing • She really enjoys coming to school. She is very happy and now learning. • He is interacting far more than I expected which is spilling over into his social life

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent on all points
Has your child made the correct amount of progress?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made little progress with writing and maths. • School concentrates so much on his behaviour that his education fell behind. • He tried his best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has made more progress than we expected • Much improved • Very much, yes • Depends how you measure it! Yes he has made progress. Yes he is happier, calmer and more able to cope generally. • She is making very good progress in reading, making progress with writing, she still struggles with maths. • His reading and writing is excellent. • He has come on so much since joining Orrets Meadow
Do you feel you have enough information regarding your child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had a home school diary but it was very negative • I felt the school could be quite secretive and didn't always inform me of issues • I got informed on his progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are always available for chats • Very much • I am always well informed • All the time
Do you feel your child is happy in this setting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My child did not want to go to school. She was particularly unhappy in Y3. • He was happy as he knew the school and his friends. • He was happy in the class, not so much on the playground and other areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very content and very well supported • Yes he is, even when he doesn't express it • Yes, she didn't like school before and cried almost every day. She is happy at Orrets Meadow and loves her teacher.
Do you have enough opportunities to visit the school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a school that had an open door policy it was not very open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot, I drop off my child every day and can see the staff any time. • We visited once and she did a trial and I knew it was the right school straight away. • I have enjoyed attending different courses. • I'm never away

<p>Did you get copies of your child's IEP and could you talk about it with a teacher?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was invited to go through IEP and sign it • I did to a point, they were very geared towards his results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, time was placed so we could talk thoroughly • Mr Campbell has gone through his IEP and explained everything - very impressed • Staff are very approachable I have never had a problem if I wish to speak with staff
<p>Would you change anything about your child's education?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has low self-esteem with writing and thinks she cannot do it. • That he enjoys learning and wants to learn and reaches a high standard • For him to enjoy school and to get to a reasonable level of education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No • Very happy • No, My son has done amazing since being at Orrets School • Not really! • No, I cannot speak highly enough of the school and teachers
<p>What are the best things about your child's education?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That he wants to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe if he hadn't gone to Orrets he would not be where he is today, he has come on a lot more than we thought he would • He is encouraged and happy so he learns better • Small classes • More attention • My son has learnt so much since being in Orrets, I just wish there was another school like yours for when he has to leave next year • Small groups. Lunchtime clubs/activities. • The specialist teaching she receives. • He is wanting to learn as his confidence has improved • This school has been good for him. He's come on loads since leaving the other school. It's the best environment for him.

