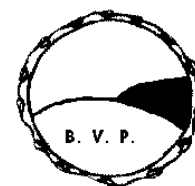


BUCKTON VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Questionnaire April 2012



Parent Questionnaire April 2012. 57 questionnaires were returned, representing 66/252 children. Percentages worked out based on numbers of answers received per question. Some parents declined/were unable to answer certain questions

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
13	12	13	8	9	7	4

		Agree fully	Agree slightly	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree fully
<b>WELL BEING</b>						
1	My child is happy at Buckton Vale	91%	8%	0%	2%	0%
2	My child has friends at school.	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%
3	There is a happy atmosphere at school.	69%	22%	9%	0%	0%
4	I feel welcome when I come into school.	60%	19%	10%	10%	0%
5	Buckton Vale has a good reputation.	17%	32%	11%	26%	13%
6	The school buildings are well maintained.	56%	35%	9%	0%	0%
7	The school site is sufficiently secure.	57%	32%	9%	2%	0%
8	The classrooms are clean, tidy, and attractive and provide an effective working environment for my child.	55%	31%	10%	3%	0%
9	The outdoor environment at Buckton Vale is effective at supporting creativity and learning.	54%	43%	2%	0%	2%
10	Buckton Vale is teaching my child how to be more environmentally friendly.	35%	46%	18%	0%	2%
<b>CURRICULUM</b>						
11	I am kept informed about what my child is learning in school.	57%	34%	2%	7%	0%
12	My child is making good progress.	60%	33%	2%	2%	4%
13	I am kept informed about how my child is getting on.	34%	45%	11%	7%	4%
14	I am given enough information about how I can support my child at home.	42%	39%	11%	7%	2%
15	I would attend parent subject workshops to gain a greater understanding of how I can support my child at home in maths.	70%	14%	7%	5%	4%
16	I would attend parent subject workshops to gain a greater understanding of how I can support my child at home in reading.	64%	20%	5%	7%	4%
17	I would attend parent subject workshops to gain a greater understanding of how I can support my child at home in writing.	66%	18%	5%	7%	4%
18	I know what my child's maths target is.	33%	26%	3%	16%	22%
19	I know what my child's reading target is.	34%	26%	3%	16%	21%
20	I know what my child's writing target is.	36%	29%	3%	14%	17%
21	The teaching at Buckton Vale is good.	42%	35%	12%	9%	2%
22	Buckton Vale has high expectations for my child.	26%	41%	24%	5%	3%

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23	Buckton Vale ensures that my child reaches their full potential.	25%	41%	20%	9%	5%
24	I understand the homework expectations in my child's year group.	53%	32%	3%	7%	5%
25	I think my child gets a suitable amount of homework for their age.	53%	27%	3%	9%	7%
26	My child's teacher tells my child what they have done well in their homework and what they need to do next to make it even better.	42%	42%	7%	5%	5%
<b>ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>						
27	School trips and visits are worthwhile experiences.	60%	19%	14%	4%	4%
28	Buckton Vale provides a varied range of enrichment weeks and activities.	38%	28%	24%	10%	0%
29	Buckton Vale runs enough after school clubs.	28%	25%	28%	16%	4%
<b>BEHAVIOUR AND PASTORAL CARE</b>						
30	I think the school's system of rewarding and praising children are effective.	47%	40%	5%	4%	4%
31	I think the school's system of discipline is effective.	43%	12%	18%	5%	0%
32	I am confident that Buckton Vale deals with inappropriate behaviour effectively.	29%	42%	21%	6%	2%
33	Buckton Vale's values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child.	50%	36%	11%	4%	0%
34	Buckton Vale treats my child fairly.	61%	24%	7%	7%	0%
35	My child is confident that should they have a problem, there is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them.	54%	31%	9%	6%	0%
36	My child enjoys playtimes and lunchtimes.	69%	26%	3%	2%	0%
37	My child finds school meals enjoyable.	34%	28%	30%	8%	0%
38	Buckton Vale helps to promote a healthy lifestyle.	51%	40%	9%	0%	0%
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>						
39	The class based adults (teachers and support staff) are approachable when needed.	69%	21%	7%	3%	0%
40	I feel welcomed into the school when coming to the main reception.	52%	34%	5%	9%	0%
41	It is easy to arrange a meeting with the Headteacher.	18%	14%	69%	0%	0%
42	Enquiries on the phone or at reception are dealt with efficiently and with a smile.	39%	40%	7%	11%	4%
43	Ordering and buying uniform from the school is easy.	38%	32%	25%	5%	0%
44	The ParentMail service has helped me stay in touch with events.	86%	11%	4%	0%	0%
45	Parent consultation meetings provide me with the information I require about my child's progress and achievement.	52%	38%	7%	2%	2%
46	The end of year school report is easy to understand.	44%	37%	19%	0%	0%

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47	The end of year school report provides me with the information I require about my child's progress and achievement.	42%	33%	18%	7%	0%
48	The weekly newsletter provides me with clear information regarding what has happened in school but also about future events.	81%	18%	0%	2%	0%
49	The school website provides me with clear information regarding what has happened in school but also about future events.	61%	28%	5%	5%	0%
50	I understand the role of the school Governors.	40%	40%	13%	5%	2%
51	I feel that I can approach the school with questions, suggestions or a problem.	48%	44%	4%	4%	0%
52	I believe my concerns would be dealt with by the school in a satisfactory manner.	34%	47%	14%	5%	0%
53	The school is led and managed well.	37%	33%	17%	7%	5%
54	The school encourages parents and guardians to play an active part in school life.	37%	49%	11%	4%	0%
55	As a parent I feel valued and informed about decisions regarding the school.	30%	35%	16%	16%	4%

		0	1	2	3	4+
56	In the last 12 months, how many times have you attended a school performance (achievement assembly, nativity etc)?	2%	10%	21%	29%	38%
57	In the last 12 months, how many times have you visited the school for a fundraising event (Christmas fair, summer fair, Disco etc.)?	2%	2%	37%	33%	27%
58	In the last 12 months, how many times have you visited the school for an information evening (parent consultation, residential trip etc)?	0%	13%	44%	26%	17%
59	In the last 12 months, how many times have you volunteered your time to help in school?	39%	27%	25%	4%	5%

What do you like most about Buckton Vale Primary School?

- That my child is happy here, my child enjoys going to this school
- A good range of extra-curricular activities are offered
- Location, friendly atmosphere
- Friendly, approachable, smiley staff
- Friendly, happy children
- I like the teaching staff
- Potential to be a very good village school
- My child is settled and learning
- Weekly newsletters
- Achievement assemblies and being able to attend assemblies

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- That a bad situation has been turned into a positive with hard work and excellent leadership from Mr Hunter and staff
- The staff are wonderful and remain the best part of the school
- The way it has brought the best out of my child
- Positive attitudes from all members of staff
- The way children are awarded with certificates, I have spoken to people whose school do not do this
- The school promotes the importance of good behaviour which is reflected in my child's general attitude
- Community spirit
- The extra rewards for children such as theatre visits and visitors to support learning
- Staff we have been involved with have been fantastic
- Not one day of not wanting to go to school
- The creativity used by teachers for learning
- The school is helping our child become confident and happy
- I am very happy with my child's progress
- My child feels safe

### How can we make Buckton Vale Primary School even better?

- Continuing to be in contact with parents
- For teaching to constantly improve
- Keep improving on the standards
- Making sure improvements are sustainable
- Establishing a strong and permanent leadership team
- Recent changes/improvements have been well executed, these simply need to continue
- Homework is set and marked on a more regular basis/ it should be fully explained
- Concerned about the choice of after school clubs
- Education seems to focussed on vocational activities – I'm not sure BV is keeping up
- More regular updates in child's progress against targets
- More music classes
- Children more involved in the garden
- Continue with the creative learning
- Await new Ofsted report and hope it reflects the dedication and commitment that we have witnessed by staff
- More updates on child's development
- Inform parents of progress in between parent's evenings.
- More frequent parent evenings, with longer appointment slots
- Improving academic standards
- By keeping up with the good progress being made
- Set targets to be achieved in academic year and after governors meetings followed up with a report/update
- Send instructions home with some communications e.g. home school agreement
- Involve parents with fundraising, helping out in class
- More interaction with parents with regards to expectations of child's development
- Carry on improving as you have over the last 6 months
- Smile and be more approachable
- Continue to drive to improve teaching and learning for all pupils
- Make sure any weak areas of learning are noticed and acted on ASAP
- Communication still needs to improve, could do better
- Stop the parents who constantly park on double yellow lines on Moorgate road

### What are the school's strengths and weaknesses with regard to communicating with parents/carers

- Weekly newsletters and class bulletins
- I am very happy with newsletters/texts/emails and website

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- Improve newsletter with weekly menus and photographs etc
- Inconsistent from teacher to teacher
- Acknowledgement of emails when sent to teacher s
- Why do we still have letters as well as parent mail?
- Communication has improved drastically
- Weak on individual child level
- Homework/diary would help communication
- A phone call when my child is ill in school would go a long way
- Parents evening do seemed rushed
- Lots of things are very last minute, more time to plan ahead
- Overall good but a high expectation information will relayed by child which doesn't always happen
- There are only strengths!
- Past weaknesses have been resolved
- Don't send forms to sign at the last minute
- Newsletters tell you what child has been doing and what will be doing
- Big improvements! Good communication if clubs are cancelled now
- Not always on the ball – late notice, but getting better
- Website a very useful tool
- No weaknesses

### What would you like the school to do to improve the communication with parents/carers?

- Ensure communication is consistent
- More work shops
- Termly notes on child's progress
- Plan further in advance to give me more notice
- Excellent communication in place don't think it can be improved
- Happy with current communication
- Encourage email for all teachers
- Homework for whole year/term shown on website
- Keep up the good work it is really appreciated
- Seems really good from our point of view
- Teachers should make themselves more variable
- Send me my child's targets not just given verbally
- Tell us about strategic decisions in school
- I think new changes are enough
- Better use of website – class pages
- Yearly meetings to be held for each year group with governors to give parents a voice
- More SATS information
- VIP days in all classes
- Some staff to have training on dealing with people
- Carry on as you are and keep it up
- Total honesty and transparency particularly in the next few difficult months
- Parents to be contacted if their child has a head bump, not a note in bag

### What changes have you seen at Buckton Vale in the past 12 months?

- More information to parents- events, goals and targets
- Security of the grounds improved
- More presence of teachers in playground

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- Class assemblies
- Improvement of outdoor space
- The parent forum
- Better homework but this is not consistent yet
- More care is taken when children are going home at end of day (especially infants)
- Buckton Vale has gone from a school where parent's issues were not taken seriously to a much better place
- Team seems happier
- Assemblies more prepared
- Better security and refits in classrooms
- I now feel I have a better understanding of what my child is learning from week to week thanks to the considerably improved communication
- Monitoring of each child seems better
- Vast improvement in communication and noticeable in support and learning
- Staff appear more motivated, more detailed child centred information on what my child is learning
- Great feedback on homework
- Parents evening much better

### What changes would you like to see in the next 12 months?

- Ofsted grading improved, which I think should happen judging by all the improvements made already
- More open evenings
- More workshops
- Stability of staff
- Strong leadership and management to lead Buckton Vale forward
- A covered area for parents and children to wait
- Homework does not seem to be looked at by the teacher, can targets be put in the homework book so parents can refer to them?
- A good head who will stay and work well with everyone
- More challenge for G&T children
- More educational visits/enrichment opportunities
- Star of the week scrapped
- More positive Ofsted report
- The school to continue to move forwards as it has done in the last few months
- Toasty Tuesday brought back
- Too many to mention and all for the better, it is a credit to your team how you have turned things around
- Organised family events for year groups
- I think the changes in place are satisfactory and to ask for more would confuse matters. I would rather they were allowed to settle in first
- I would like to see that my child is well prepared for the transition to high school
- Is it possible to share the long term plan so I can help out at home
- Lunch time prayer brought back
- More homework
- More interschool activities/competitions
- After school tennis club
- Teaching needs to improve

### Any other comments

- We have been happy with the changes visible to parents, we are confident you will move from strength to strength
- We appreciate all the hard work and effort the staff are making to improve our children's education, but we feel until leadership issues are resolved they can only have a limited impact

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- The changes made over the last few months, by the staff, parents and children are very good. It seems a much better, happier school already, let's keep up the good work, well done
- Hopefully the proposed PTA and parent forum will get more parents involved in school activities
- It would be great for pupils to be given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument/ sing in a choir
- After school clubs are very good and my child enjoys attending these
- My children are very happy at Buckton Vale, the staff do an excellent job under sometimes very difficult circumstances and I appreciate the hard work they do to make school life enjoyable for them
- I feel that all staff particularly Mr Hunter should be congratulated on their efforts in improving and maintaining the reputation of the school. I feel much more positive now we have a strong leader and outside support
- Letters should be sent home to parents who send their child to school in the wrong uniform
- I attended the parent's forum and thought it was a fantastic opportunity to put forward ideas for the school. It was an eye opening experience in the way it made us justify our decisions as well as coming up with solutions.
- I would like to say that I've always enjoyed bringing my children to the school, which I know can be outstanding with all the hard work that is happening now
- We appreciate the last few months have been challenging for staff and pupils at BV, however we feel that this is being suitably addressed and are hopeful that progress will continue in the right direction, overall a lovely school
- Any upcoming vacancies should be communicated to parents before they are advertised and the reasons behind them
- Our children love school and that is our main priority
- Feel that some of the key initiatives that have been implemented recently have shown real improvement. More confident that issues are dealt with promptly
- My daughter enjoys school immensely and that is largely due to excellent, friendly staff and happy school atmosphere
- Homework much improved for both my children in terms of quantity and feedback
- Our child was happy at school before all the changes, as the changes are improvements it should get even better, well done all
- Fantastic improvements so far, keep it up!
- We really appreciate all the hard work going into the school to improve the standards, thank you