

LAC Parent Questionnaire

St. Buryan Academy – March 2023



27 Responses

1. Reasons for choosing St. Buryan Academy

Most popular reasons stated were (note – many parents gave more than 1 reason):

- 20 RESPONSES** Location / Catchment Area / Live in village
- 6 RESPONSES** Reputation / Ofsted Rating / Recommendation
- 6 RESPONSES** Smaller school
- 4 RESPONSES** Family member had previously attended
- 3 RESPONSES** Lots of extra-curricular activities
- 3 RESPONSES** Swimming lessons
- OTHER REASONS:** Pre-school one site / Wraparound care / Child's choice

2. Additional amenity spaces or facilities St. Buryan Academy would most benefit from.

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- 4 RESPONSES** More variety of after-school clubs / summer clubs / music lessons
- 2 RESPONSES EACH** Traffic calming outside school / Resume wraparound care / Access via gate at bottom of field
- OTHER SUGGESTIONS** All weather pitch / More space to play games other than football / more emphasis on academic activities / Develop more 'practical/life skills' / more frequent updates on child progress / more trips / longer nursery hours / more sports competitions for younger children / covered waiting area for beginning/end of day (particularly for those with siblings in Little Choughs)

3. St. Buryan Academy's best qualities

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- 13 RESPONSES Friendly, Caring Environment
- 9 RESPONSES Teachers & Staff / Friendly / Approachable
- 8 RESPONSES Small school / Small class sizes
- 5 RESPONSES Forest school
- 3 RESPONSES EACH Headteacher / Swimming / In-house catering / Inclusivity
- 2 RESPONSES EACH Good communication / Sense of community / Clubs / School trips
- OTHER RESPONSES Believe, Achieve, Aspire days / Children's behaviour / Always striving to do better / Sporting activities

4. What can St. Buryan Academy do to improve?

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- 9 RESPONSES COMMUNICATION / Taking on parents views & listening to parents / more information about what is being taught each term / better and more responsive to queries / 'less paperwork' / prefer weekly newsletter / Too many platforms for communication
- 3 RESPONSES More regular parents evenings
- 3 RESPONSES More after school clubs
- 2 RESPONSES Traffic control / enhanced safety outside school gate
- 2 RESPONSES Access to school via field gate
- OTHER RESPONSES Wider curriculum / More male teachers / More nursery provision / School dinners poorly balanced / Too many part-time teachers / More level standard of delivery of core curriculum subjects / Greater help with transition between primary & secondary schools / Earlier awareness of SEND / "Finishing & following through" / "Doing the harder things rather than the nicer things"

5. Any other comments

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Constructive Suggestions 7 Questionnaires	Positive Comments 11 Questionnaires
<p><i>Comments made (excluding two mentioning an individual by name)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sourcing local ingredients for school meals • More notice for key school dates and put them on the school calendar • I feel extremely strongly for some for lengthy measures to be implemented around safety to/from school – especially in the summer months. Lots of us walk and its extremely dangerous. The visitors around the area don't even know we are here! • To ensure the children are equipped with adequate knowledge to start secondary school, especially in maths and English • The 'Friends' of St. Buryan have a tendency to blur the lines between helping and taking over • Staff need to dress more appropriately to provide role models and the children's uniform policy should be much stricter and enforced at all times • Improve access for drop off & collection 	<p><i>Positive comments made include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our child is thoroughly enjoying this school – he is happy and making great progress • Smiley face • Really happy with the school. My child enjoys coming • Keep doing what you are doing! • I'm pleased to see there does seem to have been some improvement in the last few months! • The less frequent newsletter is a good idea • On the whole we are pleased with the education our child has received here at St. Buryan • We are very pleased with the school. Thank-you! • May children have enjoyed their participation with extra-curricular activities and it was personally pleasing in watching them represent the school in events • Very happy with the school and how my children are thriving • I cannot fault the school and I recommend it to everyone with children starting school