

Bluecoat C of E Primary School

Parent Questionnaire Analysis March 2014

Number of Responses Received: Rec: 26 / Yr 1: 17 / Yr 2: 18 / Y3: 19 / Y4 23 / Y5: 12 / Y6: 13

Total: 128

General Comments:

- My child is thriving and thoroughly enjoys her time at school. Thank you for all your hard work.
- My child's teacher is so brilliant and a credit to Bluecoat School. My child enjoys school and is learning well.
- Picking up year 3 is very messy in the wet as the paths are too narrow to accommodate the parents/ carers.
- Have seen a huge difference since my son started in September, more outgoing & he wants to learn. Very Pleased!
- I had issues with my child when she had started her first term at Bluecoat. She was refusing to go to school every day. The staff and teachers were very supportive and sympathetic. They helped us overcome our problems and now my child is looking forward to every school day and missing them when it is the half-term. She loves teachers and friends, dinner ladies and her forest school activities. At home she shows an interest in learning. Thank You.
- My son really enjoys school, he has excellent attendance and thinks (as I do) highly of his teachers and T.As. Thank you
- Help and extra support has been given to prepare for SATs but if extra help had been given after school all the way through I wonder where we would have ended up. Good help but too late!
- My child moved into her class in September and has felt loved, cared for and challenged every day. As a parent I have been welcomed from the reception staff through to all members of the teaching staff. I feel my child is safe and any worries are dealt with quickly.
- I am delighted with my daughter's class. She has caring, encouraging adults she respects and loves to come to school. I would wish to see her progress quicker but I guess I am a pushy parent. Her happiness to come and learn is something I truly hope continues with her through the school.
- I consider us all to be very lucky to have such a wonderful school for our children.
- His writing is still the same as when he started. Outdoor learning resources look poor compared to other reception classes. Room layout is always inviting, teacher and TA are always welcoming. Would like to know when and who the students are in class.
- With things like trips and days when they are required to dress up I feel we could do with more than a week's notice to pay or find them something
- We are pleased with our child's progress, however if class sizes were smaller we feel that our child's learning would improve significantly. When our child misbehaves, the incident that occurred is often at playtime. We value the card system that is in place, but also feel that stricter and more suspension at playtime would improve our child's behaviour because incidents could be prevented and nipped in the bud before a problem gets out of hand.
- Class teacher and TA brilliant, class is vibrant with various equipment and resources that have my child engaged before registration.
- The school is brilliant, I would recommend to other families. The receptionists are very helpful and always willing to help, very polite and lovely.
- Very happy all round.
- I am delighted to have my children at this school. They are getting a far better start in life than I did! As the school use school pupil tracker to plot progress levels etc. it would be nice if parents were able to access the online reporting to parents section which is available all year, rather than having to wait for parents meetings. Verbal communication does not always give an accurate picture of how much/ little progress your child has made. I hasten to add, however, that I am delighted with

my child's progress so far.

- I would like to thank the head teacher Angela and her team for the wonderful effort and continuing development/ improving the quality and standards of service. The children are thriving and offered opportunities to learn in a stimulating environment.
- I would like to see less expensive big trips (maybe a choice of two at KS2) and more opportunity for smaller trips/ visitors on a half-termly basis. I don't think there are enough good quality (run by adults – most clubs run by year six) after school/ lunch time clubs. The school provides well for SEN children but I see very little evidence for gifted and talented pupils inside and outside of the classroom. Overall we feel this is a good school and our children are happy most of the time.
- If anything happens in school that need pre-warning to parents in certain circumstances please let us know.
- We have to thank the staff of Great Torrington Bluecoat C of E Primary School for their hard work and co-operation toward our child. Thank you all.
- I left a few out as I was unable to answer. With the bullying question, it is a problem in the playground as my child has complained on several occasions that the dinner ladies do not do anything when my child has had a problem with another child. Things are shrugged off – not good enough. (Y4)
- Very good, Thank you.
- Sometimes there is a lack of consistency with rules between teachers and dinner ladies, i.e my child is having difficulties as he has a habit of holding it when he needs the toilet, this then causes serious constipation. The teaching staff are aware and always let him go if he needs, but in the dinner hall and in the muga he has not been allowed to go, or asked to wait, which is not acceptable. Communication between all members of staff needs improvement if there are specific issues that need to be addressed.
- Because my child is independent and gets on with things I feel that she is left to her own devices.
- I believe that sometimes a more fun attitude should be adopted to school. The children are children and I feel a more fun atmosphere would be beneficial.
- I am very pleased with my child's schooling. How to stretch him or knowing he is being stretched would be good.
- I think the children need a little bit more time to play and have some fun.
- I like the school and I feel they do everything they can to help and teach the children.
- Feel very supported by Mrs Furseman. Re forest school – I understand it's a problem but difficult to explain to a well behaved child why they cannot do extra forest school.
- My child is generally happy at school. The school has improved in all areas recently and other than my concerns over progress in maths not being dealt with until it's too late my child has had a fantastic school experience from nursery through to year six.
- I would just add that I have had two incidences whereby the behaviour of the adults outside the school raises concern, with shouting and swearing at each other.
- Would rather teaching was focused on English language first and foremost rather than foreign languages and the trialling of foreign languages without consulting parents, was very disappointed not to be consulted in regarding to the second language. Disagree with some school policies e.g not being able to take photograph of my child at school play when teachers do, what is the difference? From now on If that is the case I do not want any teacher filming my child or taking photos against my wishes. I will not be happy as I am not going to let you make money off me for your school for film school plays.
- We are very happy with Great Torrington School. It's wonderful that the children also have the opportunity to participate and go on school trips. There is a lovely atmosphere at the school. Perhaps more emphasis on fruit snacks as used to be within the old infants. It is a huge credit to the school that they have been able to support and continue with the out of school facilities. Thank you.
- I am very happy with Poppy's progress. She is very happy at school and hope this will continue into Year 1.

- I am impressed by the variety of learning opportunities that are offered to help the children’s learning from school trips, visitors coming in to dressing up days. Really like the way parents are kept updated and are invited into school to share the children’s learning.
- My daughter has come on fantastically with confidence and is keen to learn. She enjoys everything at school and has a fantastic relationship with friends and her AMAZING teacher. I couldn’t have asked for a better one, a real asset to the school.

Question	Strongly Agree							Agree							Disagree							Comments linked to questions
	R e c	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	R e c	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	R e c	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
My child enjoys coming to school	22	12	12	11	13	6	9	4	5	6	8	10	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	She is looking forward to it every day. (R) Lost a little enthusiasm for learning (R) She loves School (Y1) Sometimes my child says he doesn't like school. (Y4) (0% Blank)
	66.4%							33.6%							0%							
My child is safe at school	21	11	16	13	15	6	11	5	5	2	6	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Only in Y6 – previous concerns from myself from Y4. Not if delivered at 8.30am by car (Y6) (0.8% Blank)
	72.65%							26.55%							0%							
The school understands and responds to my child’s needs	21	7	13	9	10	6	8	5	9	5	10	12	6	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	They are now but more help needed in past years (Y6) Some issues with not being allowed to go to the toilet (Y2) More hands on help in class (Y4) (0.8% Blank)
	57.8%							39%							2.3%							
My child is taught well at school	22	8	17	12	12	7	9	4	9	1	7	10	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I feel that teachers have time taken up with children that need extra support and my child is overlooked (Y4) Should not be teaching a 2 nd language. (Y1) The ability to track progress on SPTO as a parent would be
	67.95%							31.25%							0%							

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My child is making good progress	19	11	15	11	14	7	9	7	6	3	7	8	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Not seen improvement, still on same book colour. My child seems to have plateaued. (Y4) In all areas but Maths (Y6)
	67.2%							30.4%							0.8%							(1.6% Blank)
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	20	11	16	14	15	8	10	6	6	2	5	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I'm a bit more pushy, she can be a bit lazy. (R) When all had to say what they got in spelling to admit (2/20) was embarrassing in front of whole class. (Y6)
	73.4%							25.8%							0%							(0.8% Blank)
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	17	8	11	7	14	7	8	3	8	7	8	9	4	5	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	4 N/A (Rec) 1 Blank (Y3), 1Blank (Y5) He doesn't do any / She doesn't want to. (Various) Demi Club fantastic! (Y1) One area that needs improving. Would be nice to see all teachers take clubs. (Y3) Club sizes seem small. (Y3)
	56.3%							34.3%							4.7%							(4.7% Blank)
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	21	9	15	7	10	2	7	5	8	3	10	12	10	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Regular updates ((R) Seems normal (Y4) Parentmail, letters and announcements every day (R) Yes and No - Could be better. (Various).
	55.4%							42.2%							0.8%							(1.6% Blank)
The school communicates with me effectively about	21	8	13	8	10	4	5	5	9	8	8	11	8	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	Love the leaflets, try to talk about or do something with them. (R) Lower school is great. Less so in

how to support my child's learning	53.9%							43.8%							2.3%							upper school. (Y6) Comments in reading book help if I can understand them. (Y4)
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	19	9	10	10	11	4	7	6	5	7	9	11	8	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	Don't always receive letters (Y4) Well done, with parents as partners. (R) Parent mail is a bit hit and miss. Could be better / More notice needed (Various) Letters aren't always very clear.(Y6) More notice regarding dressing up would be helpful (Various). Sometimes notice is too short, especially for working parents.(Y4) Only because you require money. (Y3) (4 Blank – 3.1%)
	54.7%							39.8%							2.3%							
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	18	6	6	9	8	4	4	6	9	11	6	13	6	7	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	A couple of times I feel I haven't been listened to when a problem arises. (Y4) I haven't had any concerns (Y1) (5.5% Blank)
	42.9%							45.3%							6.25%							
There are good standards of behaviour at Great Torrington Bluecoat C of E Primary School	14	8	9	9	6	4	2	12	6	9	9	15	7	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	Not had any behavioural issues (Various). Not all follow Good to be Green System (Y1/R). Some children are rewarded with forest school for bad behaviour. (Y6) Sometimes/Not all of the time (Y4) Do not know as I am not here (Y6) I think that some of the parents need to go back to school! (Y4) (4.7% Blank)
	40.6%							52.3%							2.3%							

The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	12	3	7	9	6	4	3	8	10	5	6	12	7	6	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	<p>Can't comment as no experience. Unknown. (Various)</p> <p>I believe there are no incidents of bullying in Rec year. (R)</p> <p>Depends who the parents are (Y3)</p> <p>I would hope so. Can't comment – never had any issue. (Various)</p> <p>Sometimes things happen to my child and not much is done (Y4).</p> <p>In my child's experience bullies not dealt with appropriately (Y4)</p> <p>No experience of this.</p> <p>(20 Not known / Blank 15.6%)</p>
	34.4%							42.2%							7.8%							
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	19	11	11	12	12	5	7	6	6	6	7	11	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<p>(Blank 2.3%)</p>
	60.2%							37.5%							0%							
I think the school is well led and governed	16	6	10	9	8	4	3	9	8	7	8	12	9	9	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	<p>Up to now it has been. Unknown (Rec)</p> <p>No as you are teaching a second language without consulting parents. (Y1)</p> <p>(Blank 5.5%)</p>
	43.8%							48.4%							2.3%							
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	19	6	9	9	12	5	5	6	9	9	8	11	7	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	<p>Education on healthy food good</p> <p>School dinners too many chips (Y3/Y1)</p> <p>I feel improvements could be made to school lunches. (Y1)</p> <p>School dinners are far from ideal. (Y6)</p> <p>P... often talks about eating healthily. (R)</p>
	50.8%							44.5%							1.6%							

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The school is effective in promoting respect for all	21	6	10	10	13	4	4	5	9	7	8	9	8	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	I would hope so. P... often talks about loving everyone. (R)
	53.1%							41.4%							1.6%							(Blank 3.9%)
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	17	7	6	10	10	5	6	7	8	11	7	10	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Don't know (X2) Love the trips into town. She loves to tell me "We went in there" (R)
	47.6%							42.2%							0.8%							(9.4% Blank, Don't know)
I would recommend Great Torrington Bluecoat C of E Primary School to another family	23	11	13	12	12	7	9	3	5	4	7	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Most of the time I would! (Y4)
	68%							28.1%							0.8%							(Blank 3.1%)