

Sabden Primary School



Parent & Carers Survey - July 2023 Results

Thank you for responding to the Survey we issued in July 2023. We appreciate and value all of your feedback. Thank you for your kind comments about the school.

We received 48 responses from parents (not all answered every question).

		Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school.	83% (40)	17% (8)	100%		
2	The school keeps my child safe.	81% (39)	19% (9)	100%		
3	The school informs me about my child's progress.	66% (31)	32% (15)	98%	2% (1)	
4	My child is making progress.	83% (39)	17% (8)	100%		
5	The teaching is good.	81% (38)	19% (9)	100%		
6	Staff are welcoming and approachable.	83% (40)	13% (6)	96%	4% (2)	
7	The school helps my child to feel confident.	80% (37)	20% (9)	100%		
8	I feel staff really know my child as an individual.	87% (41)	11% (5)	98%	2% (1)	
9	The school helps me to support my child's learning.	73% (35)	23% (11)	96%	4% (2)	
10	The school meet my child's particular needs.	75% (36)	25% (12)	100%		
11	The school deal effectively with any unacceptable behaviour.	67% (30)	31% (14)	98%	2% (1)	
12	The school take account of my suggestions and concerns.	66% (31)	34% (16)	100%		
13	The school offers a range of activities and after school clubs.	72% (34)	17% (8)	89%	9% (4)	2% (1)
14	School is led and managed effectively.	72% (33)	28% (13)	100%		
15	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school.	89% (41)	11% (5)	100%		
16	I would recommend the setting to other parents.	87% (40)	13% (6)	100%		

Questions which have not been answered have not been included in the percentage. Percentages have been rounded up.

For the year 2022 – 2023 we organised and led the following enrichment activities:

After School Clubs	Trips	Events	Parents
Art & Craft x 3 Lego Spanish Dodgeball Dance/ Musical Theatre Joseph Rehearsals Choir x 3 ProSport x 3 Cooking x 2 Wild Things	The Lion King Victorian Christmas at Gawthorpe Class 1 – Witches and Wizards at Outdoor Elements Young Voices – AO Arena River Expedition Winnmarleigh Residential Eureka York Trip Leavers Meal Football Coaching STEM Competition – Stoneyhurst College Clitheroe Castle Cinderella Panto	Lego Workshop Robotics Workshop Film Night x 3 Welly Walk Book Fair Clock makers Christmas Theatre Children’s Christmas Parties Christmas Dinner Choir Carol Singing at Littlemore Hogwarts Week Chinese New Year Coronation Celebrations National Storytelling Telling Week World Book Day Bikeability Balancability Joseph Production Sports Day Summer Games Days x 2 School Disco x 2	Reception Phonics & Maths workshop MacMillan Coffee Morning Infant Nativity Parent/ Teacher meetings x3 Booky Breakfast Family Bulb planting Reception Come and Play x 2 Let’s Get Spooky Arts Christmas Fair Music Workshare Assembly Nativity x 2 Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea Spring Fair Easter Afternoon Tea EYFS Picnic Dad’s and Kids Den Building

In your opinion what are the best things about Sabden Primary School?

I like the smaller year groups and how close all the children have become.

The school provides the children with amazing trips, clubs and activities to take part in, in and out of school. You really involve the parents too, giving them the opportunity to carry out activities with their children.

A great community feel to the school and plenty of additional activities to support the children’s enjoyment of education.

Everything

Range of school activities. Range of reading and library books. Fun school trips. Hogwarts week.

Friendly staff and approachable.

Teachers or TA’s have time to spend with children 1:1 and help them through any struggles or extra help needed.

The family atmosphere. Safety. Treating pupils as individuals.

Strong teaching staff, excellent extra curricular activities, inclusive values.

Headteacher/ teachers/ office staff/ TAs. All the staff are friendly, hardworking and amazing. ☺

Lots of effort, care, time goes into planning trips and activities during school. Small, friendly, caring – family feel school. Staff approachable, helpful and always willing to go the extra mile to help.

All the staff, lovely atmosphere, environment and surroundings! A great place for children to grow and develop with confidence.

Friendly, personal.

Dedicated staff, excellent teaching, extras e.g. trips, clubs, performances, sports day. Friendly atmosphere. School challenges the children and helps boost confidence.

It's lovely that parents get invited to lots of events, and the facebook posts are nice to see as well. The children have loved Spanish lessons.

The variety of subjects covered and specialist teachers like music, PE, art, drumming etc.

They create an environment that my children are always happy to go to. They never say they do not want to go.

"Family" feel, trips/extra clubs, teachers know children due to small year groups, how happy the kids are and they enjoy it so much.

The teaching...my child has developed amazingly this year.

I love the small school feel. I like that we can often be walking round the village and the older children will go out of their way to say hello to my son.

He has been inspired by many topics covered and has independently created his own projects based on these, feeling confident to share them with his teacher and fellow students.

Is there anything that you'd change about the school?

- *No/ Nothing/ Nothing, best school ever.*
- *School needs to accommodate after school club for working parents*

School undertook a survey of need in March 2023

94 letters were sent out and we received 9 responses. Based on projected numbers for the academic year 23/24 the proposed provision would be required to cater for 12% of the school population.

Only 2 children indicated that they would be full time, Monday to Friday.

4 children would require provision for 3 days, 1 child for 2 days and 5 children for 1 day.

3 children expressed a need for ad hoc provision due to parent shift patterns but again this would be on a part time basis.

Based on the results of this school-wide survey it was clearly not financially feasible or practical for Sabden PS to offer after school care provision, however a survey of needs will be undertaken again in March 2024.

No local schools (Simonstone, Read or St Mary's) offer after school provision; like us they use Blooming Buds for after school provision. Children currently regularly using after school provision (Branching Out, Blooming Buds) totals approximately 7 children.

- *It would be nice to see books at the end of the year i.e. children bringing them home.*

Your wish was granted. All finished books from last year came home July 23.

- *Teachers more accessible – maybe email or text?*

Teachers are accessible at Sabden. They are very visible in the morning and the end of school. You can ring or call into the office at any time and arrange a return telephone call or an appointment to meet face to face. We are always happy to speak with parents. We will not be using teacher's email or text to communicate between home and school as this can become onerous and eat into the 'off duty' time of staff. All emails should be sent via the school office (bursar@sabden.lancs.sch.uk and office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk) and we will ensure that it is forwarded to the correct staff member. If it is of a sensitive nature or about a staff member please send an email to myself, Mrs Maskell, at head@sabden.lancs.sch.uk.

- *More opportunities for after school clubs/ extra curricular clubs*

This year Sabden PS ran 17 after school enrichment clubs for children. In addition, we even organised a year 2 sleepover on a Friday night. All these clubs were supervised by school staff. Staff DO NOT get paid to deliver after school clubs, it is completely voluntary. It is not in their job description nor in their contract of employment and as Headteacher I cannot expect or insist that they run a club.

We also provided 15 separate trips across school including a 3 day residential.

We have looked into facilitating other providers to come into school and run clubs but their fees are very high. Based on 30 children attending each club the costs would be approximately - Mad Science would cost about £18 per child per session, baking was £7.00 etc. If parents want to pay this, and probably more, then I am happy to organise it.

We are more than happy for any parents who have a special talent/ interest and can spare an hour or so for a half term to run a club – maybe cross country, chess, book club, knitting/ sewing, jewellery making, football. We are open to suggestions!

Have you any further comments about the school...anything else that you'd like to add?

The reading challenge (KS1) proved to be quite stressful and pressurised to fit in around a busy life

I do think it is a brilliant local with lots of fun, exciting learning activities. We are very lucky to have it on our doorstep.

My children love Sabden Primary School.

My children enjoy school and are challenged daily

Very happy with the school, staff and ethos!

School should tackle parents who persistently park on the yellow zig zags at pick up time. You know where you are!

The school really is the best and we are so happy here!

A big thank you for all that you do as a school – we appreciate everything!

I would like to thank the school and all the teachers, and staff for making a nurturing, caring, environment for my children.

I am really happy with Sabden Primary School and extremely grateful of all the time and effort the staff put in to my child's learning.

We love everything about the school and thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you.

The school is doing a fantastic job.

Great school and teachers who go above and beyond for children and make learning fun.

We couldn't have wished for a better school or better primary experience for our child.

Thank you.

I would definitely recommend Sabden to other parents.

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