Burnham Secondary School Update 31st March 2023

This document/web page provides residents and councillors with the status of the activities of the Burnham Parish Council working group and its activities to hopefully get a non-selective secondary school established on what was the E-Act Burnham Park Academy site.

- Please refer to previous Updates given details are not repeated here.
- There are still the majority of parents & guardians assuming that this working group and its current members can succeed in setting up a new non-selective school in Burnham at the old school site on Opendale Road – WRONG!

There is a misconception with quite a few parents & guardians that we are "the Council" and that we are working on it. – WRONG!

WE ARE A CAMPAIGN GROUP.

- THE BEST WE CAN DO IS LOBBY THE HIGHER AUTHORITIES TO OPEN A SCHOOL WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE 2019.
- ➤ WE CANNOT OPEN THE SCHOOL OURSELVES.
- THE HIGHER AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE A PROBLEM BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PARENTS & GUARDIANS PROTESTING LIKE US.
- ➤ WE CANNOT MAKE ANY FURTHER PROGRESS WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS & GUARDIANS IN LARGE NUMBERS.
- Due to this continued misconception, the working group is conscientiously stepping into the background and will refer to ourselves as the Steering Group. The parents & guardians must take over or nothing will happen.
- A survey was launched initiated and set up by some Primary School parents with support in the background from this Steering Group.

There was a lot of feedback of problems due to no local school in Burnham. This needs to be fed back to the higher authorities.

The survey to date:

- o 462 responses
- 432 from Bucks, 441 from Slough illustrating the split across borders. We are one community.
- 396 primary and 139 secondary we need more stories of difficulties from secondary parents.
- 12 secondary schools attended.
- o 50 pupils are at Cox Green.
- Recently, our local pupils were turned down from Cox Green, Westgate & Altwood.
- Nearly 70% of primary parents have considered moving to get a local school.
- 25% have considered home education.
- o nearly 30% have considered private education.
- o 54% of secondary pupils don't have time for after school activities (because of transport).
- Please read the information given on the Burnham Parish Council website-Projects-New School..
 (https://burnhamparish.gov.uk/newschoolinburnham)

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Tell us how you can help?!