



Candice and Quentin Whitaker live in Brighouse with their three children, Serenity, five, in Reception, Imani, six, in Year 1 and Liliana, seven in Year 3.

Candice believes Field Lane Primary School is providing her children with a really strong start

Fabulous

Candice and Quentin chose Field Lane Primary School for their girls after they recently moved to the area. "When we looked at the schools available locally, Field Lane looked fabulous! We could see straight away what a stimulating environment the school provides for the children."

Exciting and relevant learning

"We can see how excited our children are about their lessons. One of the key strengths of the school is its ability to stimulate the children and to get them interested and excited by their learning. My children are already undertaking autonomous learning and will come home and discuss something they've learned and go on to explore it further."



Innovative and proactive

Candice adds: "I think the school uses quite novel ways of presenting their lessons; the teachers and support staff take a proactive approach to finding new ways to teach the children, which really appeals to them."

"Field Lane also use a variety of relevant and well-thought out trips to extend the curriculum and enhance learning experiences. My girls really enjoy these and will come back thrilled about the day they've had. There are also various visits into school to support the curriculum further."

Considerate, compassionate and caring children

Aside from the excellent teaching, Candice also believes the teaching team are doing a brilliant job of developing her children's social and emotional skills. "My girls have become much more considerate during their time at Field Lane; I think this has a lot to do with how good the teachers are at building the children's social and emotional skills through play. The children at Field Lane are very compassionate and caring. Their critical engagement and ability to consider things from the perspective of others is very good. I think the teachers are genuinely very good at encouraging and promoting inclusivity."

Working together

The school uses the carousel method within some of their group work and Candice feels this really helps to develop the children's critical thinking and ability to understand the perspective of others.

"I think it's a very useful technique which involves the children having the opportunity to participate in small group work with children of different ages. It's fantastic; my eldest gets so excited about mixing with the other children. I like it because the older ones will aid the younger ones and potentially accelerate their learning, and it helps the older ones to think about the topic at a deeper level, as they may have to explain it to a younger person. It's a great way of bringing peers together."

Promoting environmental awareness

The Eco Club at Field Lane also impresses Candice. "They're good at teaching children about the importance of looking after the environment. There's lots of posters around school about ways of saving energy, which the girls really enjoy incorporating at home too. I particularly liked how the children have been able to get involved with the school orchard growing project. They have really taken ownership of it and have taken a great amount of pride in raising the money to fund the purchase of the fruit trees, which has been really good to see."

A really good start

Candice adds: "All of my children really enjoy their time at Field Lane Primary School. I feel like it's a caring and inclusive environment for them. I'm really impressed with their learning but for me, primary school is not just about learning; it builds the foundations for their future education and their growth into young adults. I believe Field Lane is a really good start for them."

Children say:

Serenity says: "I really like the outdoor play area for nursery and reception."

Imani says: "I really enjoy doing lots of cool learning at school!"

Liliana says: "My favourite day is Tuesday as I have my clarinet lesson. It is really cool to be able to learn a musical instrument, because it is important to learn many different things!"



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