



Abeer's daughter, Valentina, moved to Dronfield Junior School in Year 5 and it's been the best move they've ever made

Abeer has Valentina in Year 5. Valentina's older sister Sofi, is in Year 7 at high school

Moving back after time away

"Both of our girls had been at Tootley Primary School until we moved away for 12 months due to work. When we came back the girls started at St Andrews, Sofi in Year 6 and Valentina in Year 4, but Valentina struggled to settle in. The class sizes were small, which sometimes is great, but it meant there were a lot of established friendship groups and Valentina found it difficult to make new friends. With Sophia heading to high school we thought it would be a good opportunity for Valentina to try somewhere new. She came to Dronfield Junior School for a couple of days to see how she felt and has never looked back," said Abeer.

Moving to Dronfield and enjoying school

"Valentina enjoys learning and she finds her teaches and lessons stimulating. She has settled in well and thanks to some

of the friends she already had through Brownies the move to Dronfield Junior School has been smooth and she's much more engaged with school now," said Abeer.

Encouraging responsibility and independence

"Valentina and her friends are part of the School Play Leader Scheme and they help to set up games and activities for the younger children in the playground at break and lunch times. For example, if they want to set up some tennis games, they'll be given the equipment and get an early pass for the lunch queue so that they can get everything ready for the other children. They really enjoy and respond positively with being given these tasks, they like to contribute and be part of their school community," said Abeer.

Children say

Valentina says: "I love chess club."



Working together to help pupils believe, achieve and reach their potential.

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