



Clifford All Saints was recommended to Tabitha by a friend and it's the best recommendation she's ever had

Tabitha's daughter Alicia is 9 years old
and is in Year 4.

Good reasons to join school

Alicia started at Clifford in Reception. Tabitha says, "My friend recommended Clifford to me. My friend's daughters are older than Alicia, one is at high school and the other is finishing their A 'Levels' now. She spoke so highly of their school experience and so we had to visit. We were also looking for a school with a Christian ethos, that was important to us. I wanted to be part of a community and for Alicia to enjoy being part of smaller, rather than large class sizes. We found all this and more at Clifford."

Welcoming and homely

"Clifford has a lovely warm and homely feel. That's the impression I got when I first visited and I feel it's been maintained over the years. Alicia's very first visit was with her dad, Peter, and they enjoyed it so much, Alicia didn't want to leave. I think being a faith-based school and having a friendly community, that the teachers, parents and children feel part of is what helps make it so welcoming," says Tabitha.

Building friendships

Alicia looks forward to going to school each day. Tabitha says, "Alicia has a great set of friends. They have grown up together and it's been great for us as parents as we've developed friendships too. As parents we see each other at parties and playdates but we're all involved with school life. People like to hang around and chat at drop off and pick up. Alicia loves the social side of school."

Excited to learn

"Alicia's favourite lessons are Design and Technology or 'DT'. She likes Geography and really enjoys learning about other cultures and countries. They recently learned about Japan which she found fascinating and last term it was the Mediterranean countries, she comes home telling us all the things she's found out. She also enjoys Maths," says Tabitha.

Lots of activities

Clifford All Saints has a variety of after school clubs.

Tabitha says, "Alicia attends Choir on Mondays which she enjoys. Singing is a big part of life at Clifford and it's lovely when the children sing at their worship assemblies. They get to go on trips to perform as the Choir which is a wonderful experience. Alicia also goes to Art Club on Thursdays, she likes arts and crafts so this is a favourite for her too. She's done Rugger Eds in the past as well as Yoga and Computing. She plays piano at school, so there's lots for children to try."

School is a community

"School feels like a community. The teachers are involved with the children, they know all the children's names, not just the ones they teach. The parents get involved with events and everyday school life so everyone gets to know each other. There's a structure and organised feel to life at school which is great. We appreciate the school values as they are similar to ours," says Tabitha.

Visit school

"I'd recommend new parents to come and visit Clifford. I think it's important to see how your child reacts to the school environment. Alicia is in her fifth year and I can't believe how much she's grown. It's such a lovely school. Alicia has grown academically and as a person, her behavior and social skills have changed so much and I think she's benefitted from coming to a school with relatively small class sizes but with families from around the world. It's a diverse school who celebrate Christian values," says Tabitha.

Lovely teachers

"Clifford is special because the teachers know the children and this feels reassuring. They talk to the children and get to know them, when you see them they'll know for example if you've been away and it's that level of attention that makes the children feel special. It feels like the teachers enjoy being at school and enjoy teaching, they're passionate and are great role models for the children," says Tabitha.

Children say:

Alicia says: "I've got so many friends."