



Nicoleta and Richard are being helped to fulfil their potential in the caring atmosphere of Boothroyd Primary Academy

Traian and Cristina live in Dewsbury with their children, Nicoleta, aged ten, and Richard, aged nine.

Friendly staff

Traian and Cristina are very happy with the support their children are receiving from staff at Boothroyd Primary Academy. Traian says: "Nicoleta is thriving at the school and loves all the staff and the friends she has made there, and Richard is receiving very good care and is making progress."

Making friends

The couple chose Boothroyd Primary because they had heard that it was a good school from other people in the area and Nicoleta started in the Nursery when she was three. "Nicoleta settled in well and made friends quickly and she liked the staff. She enjoys English lessons and, although we speak Romanian to her at home, she is fluent in English and regards it is her main language," Traian says.

Building confidence

Traian and Cristina are pleased that Nicoleta has had the chance to learn to swim while she has been at Boothroyd Primary. Cristina says: "At first Nicoletta was scared of the water but the staff helped her overcome her fears and she loves swimming now and has become very confident in the water."

Helping others

Now Nicoleta is in Year 6, she is enjoying school life and she loves reading and writing. "We are very happy with the progress Nicoleta is making and glad that she enjoys learning and that she likes to help everyone there," Traian says.

Extra support

After Richard started in the nursery when he was two and a half, he settled in to begin with, but then after a few days he started crying when Traian and Cristina left him. "He needed a lot more attention from the staff than Nicoletta. He was not diagnosed with autism until he was seven, but the staff at Boothroyd Primary have helped him and given him extra care ever since he started," Traian says.

Adapting facilities

Even before he was diagnosed with autism, the staff understood his situation and gave him support. "They changed things in the classroom and modified the toilet area to try to help him," Traian says. "Richard had a problem with noise and if the atmosphere he was in became too loud for him, he would cover his ears and start to cry."

Improved speech

Cristina says Richard became a lot happier after he started receiving additional support in ARC, the school's Additionally Resourced Classroom for children with special needs. She says: "Richard couldn't sit for long with the other children in his classroom, but he has received extra support through ARC and the staff have slowly been able to increase the time he will stay sitting down. They are now trying to integrate him back into his own classroom and he is speaking better and is much happier at school now."

Good support

The couple are pleased Richard is also learning to swim at Boothroyd Primary. "He likes water, so it is very helpful to us that he is learning to swim and how to stay safe in the water," Cristina says. "We are pleased that he likes the other children in his class and that they talk to him and play with him. We think the school have done everything they can to try to help him."

Safe school

Traian says: "We would certainly recommend Boothroyd Primary to other families. It's a very safe school and we know when we leave our children each day that they will be well looked after there. We couldn't be happier with the teachers and the other staff at the school."

Children say

Nicoleta says: "I like doing extra activities at school, such as learning how to survive in the forest, and going swimming."

Richard says: "I like playing outside in the playground."