



## Adam and Zayn are both flourishing in the supportive environment of Boothroyd Primary Academy

Raeesa lives with her sons, Adam, aged ten, Zayn, aged nine, and Rayhan, aged four.

### Helpful teachers

Raeesa is delighted with the way Adam and Zayn are being encouraged to achieve both socially and academically by the kind staff at Boothroyd Primary Academy. Raeesa says: "Adam has become very confident now he is in Year 6 and he enjoys being part of the School Parliament, and Zayn loves learning his times tables and competing with his classmates in Year 5 to win rewards."

### Smooth transition

When Adam was due to start school, Raeesa went to look round Boothroyd Primary, which was near where they lived, and she was impressed with the school and the friendly and approachable staff. "Adam settled in perfectly, because the staff were very supportive to all the new children. The teachers had done a home visit and so he had met them before he started, and he also went to Stay and Play sessions at the school, which helped him to settle in quickly. He had a staggered start, going in for half a day to begin with, and then trying a full day, before starting full time," Raeesa says.

### Making friends

Adam has stayed with the same class since Reception and so he, and all his classmates, have grown up together, his Mum says. "He has plenty of friends now and is very confident. He enjoys his role as Chairman of the School Parliament and he loves going on school trips and receiving certificates as rewards for his good work."

### Speaking up

Adam often attends meetings with the teachers, which has helped him acquire leadership skills, and he is now confident about speaking at meetings and sharing his ideas with others, Raeesa says. "He was recently taken to London by the school to visit the Houses of Parliament, which he very much enjoyed. He is a good all-rounder academically and he loves going to school each day and helping the teachers and being supportive to all his friends."

### Fulfilling potential

Zayn is also very happy at Boothroyd Primary and now has lots of friends there. "He is very active and sporty and he is always enthusiastic about taking part in the activities they do, especially outdoors. He also enjoys being rewarded for his educational achievements and loves it when he is chosen as Star of the Week sometimes. I like the way the school reward the children for their good work because I think it encourages them to try to achieve to the best of their ability," Raeesa says.

### Displaying work

Zayn enjoys the curriculum assemblies that parents can attend, where they give out awards for reading to the children, and the pupils get the chance to show their work to the other children and their parents. "He is now very good at English and Maths, having benefited from the good teaching he has had," Raeesa says.

### Stay and Play

"Rayhan has benefited from going to Stay and Play sessions and doing transition days and he has been well prepared for starting in Reception next term. He has been given the opportunity to meet the other children who will be starting with him and has done activities with them, so he will have familiar faces around him when he starts. Going to Stay and Play has got him used to the school and he is now looking forward to seeing the friends he has met there as well as wearing his new school uniform when he starts."

### Children say

Adam says: "I like going to meetings, where I am able to share my ideas about the school."

Zayn says: "I like Maths and practising my times tables."