



Gemma believes nowhere else could have embraced her daughter's needs as effectively as Chickerell Primary Academy

Gemma and Adam live in Weymouth with their three children. The youngest, Pippa, who is seven years old, attends Chickerell Primary Academy.

Good advice

On friends' recommendations, Gemma and Adam had moved their two eldest children to Chickerell Primary Academy and it's a decision they will never regret. Having immediately felt the warm, family feeling which they believe defines the school, they had no hesitation in later enrolling their youngest daughter, Pippa, despite her serious and complex health problems.

Positive reaction

"When we spoke to the school and outlined Pippa's needs, the first reaction was 'Yes, we will make this work' and in the three years she has been at Chickerell, they have, without a doubt", says Gemma. "Pippa has a range of physical and mental health issues, all of which require careful monitoring, and are potentially life-threatening. We needed to know that she would be receiving the best possible care at school."

Reassurance

Pippa's complex condition is still partially undiagnosed and medical interventions are ongoing, but Gemma is absolutely confident that, whatever is required, the school will step up to address whatever is needed to keep her daughter safe. She says: "We feel unbelievably lucky that Chickerell is our local school and that everyone there – teachers and support staff - is prepared to work with us as closely as they are doing. We have had, and still have, major challenges with Pippa's health, but knowing that we have this school 100% behind us is incredibly reassuring."

Seeing her daughter grow in confidence and achievement is all Gemma could ask, and why she is so grateful to the school which is making it happen.



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