

Clifford All Saints provided a welcoming community when Douaa first moved to the UK with her children

Douaa has Lynn in Year 3, age 8, Jad in Year 1, age 6 and Oubai, age 4 starting Reception this September.

Initially reluctant

Douaa and her children moved to the UK from Abu Dhabi. They made the move last September and are now close to celebrating their first full year at Clifford All Saints. Douaa says, "When I first received the offer from Clifford, I was worried. I had looked at the Ofsted report and didn't feel confident the school would offer the level of education I wanted for my children. My plan was for them to attend temporarily until they got a place at our chosen school."

Brilliant new beginning

Douaa's feelings changed when the children started at Clifford. "I saw the care, support, effort, and quality of education the school provides. Even when my children received offers from other schools, we decided without hesitation to stay at Clifford. Now, even my youngest, Oubai, will be starting Reception this September," says Douaa.

Supportive headteacher

Douaa has been impressed by the Headteacher at Clifford. Douaa says, "One of the most special things about Clifford is the headteacher. He knows every child by name and even remembers their birthdays. He makes a point of speaking to the children and wishing them a happy birthday, which means so much to them. He's approachable, kind, and genuinely listens. You feel you can speak to him anytime, and he'll answer any questions with patience and openness. I feel he's more than just a headteacher to the children."

Children say:

Lynn says: "I've made lots of friends."

Jad says: "I like reading new books."



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