



Jennifer needed sanctuary and support and Clifford All Saints has been both, in every possible way

Jennifer Popplewell and her two children have recently returned to England from their home in Spain. Olaia, 8, and Atreus, 5, now attend Clifford All Saints Primary School.

Reflection of faith

When Jennifer returned to the UK less than a year ago, her first priority was to find a new school for her children, and she was very specific about the type of school she was looking for. "We are a practicing Christian family so most important to me was a school which celebrated our faith. I looked at schools closer to where we live but it was Clifford All Saints which immediately stood out: there were depictions of Bible stories everywhere; pictures, beautiful stained glass and an overall atmosphere which so closely reflected my feelings not only about Christianity but about the environment in which I wanted my children to be educated."

Smooth transition

Because Olaia and Atreus had spent their early education in Spain, the transition to a completely different education system might have been a difficult one but as Jennifer explains, this proved otherwise.

"In Spain, the school hours are much shorter, there was no uniform and the teaching methods less child-focused. I would not criticise the system, but I greatly prefer the way that in the UK, and at All Saints in particular, the teaching is more interactive and the children are listened to rather than just being talked to."

Leaps and bounds

Jennifer has been delighted by how quickly both Olaia and Atreus have adapted. "I'm amazed that they have never complained about the longer hours, and Olaia especially adores her pretty school frock! In Spain, they were both achieving above average in their work but because of the curriculum here they were quite behind. Now, within only a few months they have more than caught up with their peers and I credit their teachers for supporting them so effectively."



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