



"We moved home but not the school,"... Madhavi knew her son was in the right place at Clifford All Saints

Madhavi and Varun moved to the UK three years ago from India. Their son, Arhan, is 11 years old and attends Clifford All Saints Primary School.

Challenge

Finding a school place mid-term can be difficult, especially when moving to a new country with a completely different education system, so Madhavi and Varun faced a challenge in obtaining somewhere suitable for Arhan when they arrived in Yorkshire in January.

"The primary schools in our catchment area were either oversubscribed or not quite what we wanted, so when we were offered the option of Clifford All Saints, 20 minutes away, we decided that despite the distance, it was worth looking at", says Madhavi. "When we went to visit, we were really impressed by the warm welcome we were given, and how the staff made a real effort to help with the application process, so we had no hesitation in enrolling Arhan there."

Distance no object

Within a very short time Arhan had established a close circle of friends, was achieving very well academically and thoroughly enjoying his new school, so when the family moved house to a new area, entailing a longer journey, neither he nor his parents wished to move school as well. "We could have found a school much closer to our new house but Arhan was reluctant to lose his friends and the teachers with whom he had such a good relationship. Although it now takes an hour to school and back, he has no regrets at all, and neither do we."

Smooth transition

With transition to secondary education coming up, Arhan alongside his Year 6 friends has been given introductions to his new school including visits, mentoring and advice, and will no doubt be glad that Clifford All Saints helped to make his introduction to the UK such a positive and enjoyable experience.



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