



Hok Lit and Ka Fang live in Dronfield with their daughter, Liz, who is eight.

# Liz has received a warm welcome from both the staff and the pupils at Dronfield Junior School

## Enjoying Maths

Hok Lit and Ka Fang are delighted with the way Liz is flourishing in the supportive, inspiring environment of Dronfield Junior School. Her mum, Hok, says: "Liz is very enthusiastic about learning at school and particularly enjoys Maths and History. She practises her times tables at home using Times Tables Rock Stars, and she's very motivated to improve her score each week."

## Kind staff

Liz joined Year 3 at Dronfield Juniors having attended a different primary school previously after her family moved to the area from Rotherham. Hok says: "Liz received a lot of support, even before she started. She had a transition day the term before to meet her new teacher and classmates, which we really appreciated. As parents, we were naturally concerned about how she would adapt to the new environment, especially with the challenges of starting Key Stage 2 in a much larger school. However, the support she received from day one has been incredible."

## Excited to learn

Hok says the transition day helped ease some of her initial fears and gave her a sense of familiarity before the

term began. "The staff and her class teacher were wonderfully attentive, making sure she felt included and reassured as one of the new joiners. Despite her worries, she quickly began making friends and exploring the school with confidence, thanks to the welcoming atmosphere and the care shown by everyone. We're so pleased with how smoothly she settled in and how excited she is to learn and grow in her new school."

## Learning two languages

Liz is encouraged to read daily both at home and at school and she now reads something every day and her confidence with reading is growing, Hok says. "We speak Cantonese at home, so she's also developing her Cantonese vocabulary to speak with relatives, while happily reading English as well."

## Fun activities

One of Liz's favourite activities at school is doing Forest School and learning outdoors. She is also being given the chance to enjoy some great extracurricular experiences at the school, Hok says. "She loves Dancing Club, Knitting Club, Card Games Club, and French Club after school. We think these clubs help her to build new friendships and they give her the chance to meet different children from

the other years who share the same interests."

## Making new friends

Liz has quickly made new friends after joining Dronfield Junior School. "Liz has become close to some very kind boys and girls at the school and very soon after she started, she was receiving invitations to birthday parties from her classmates, which were very warmly received," Hok says.

## Approachable teachers

"We are very happy with Dronfield Junior School and feel fortunate to have such a good school nearby. The staff have been consistently helpful and supportive. Whenever I have questions, Liz's teacher responds quickly, whether I speak to her in person or contact her through Class Dojo, which we really appreciate. Liz comes home from school happy every day, full of stories and enthusiasm, and it's clear she feels a real sense of belonging."

## Children say

Liz says: "I like this school because it is full of joy, kindness, and happiness. This is a marvellous school."