



Samantha has Henry in Year 5 and Arthur in Year 3.

Samantha and her family moved from Scotland and Dronfield School came highly recommended by lots of different people

Moving to a new school

"We moved from a small village in Scotland two years ago. We picked Dronfield as it was recommended to us by at least three other people. We heard great things from various different places so we felt word had got around that it's such a good school. When we looked around we just felt it was the best for our children's needs," said Samantha.

Reassured by the level of support

"We were looking for a school that could support the neurodivergent needs of our children. We'd felt up until the move that the children were missing out on learning, when we looked around Dronfield we noticed so much one-to-one support in place and that was reassuring," said Samantha.

Encouragement and confidence building

"When we were visiting I remember one little boy was really struggling in his lesson and he was lovely. He came and talked to me and said that he was having some time out from his lesson and he seemed happy

and confident after a while to return to his lesson. It just made me feel that even when the children get frustrated or are struggling, Dronfield is an environment where they will be supported rather than made to feel bad. Seeing that little boy adapt really helped in my decision making," said Samantha.

Proactive approach

"School tries to work out what the children need. They don't wait for a child to start struggling or wait for their grades to slip. They don't label the children as "naughty". They look at each child as an individual and tailor their learning accordingly," said Samantha.

Extracurricular activities

"The boys are involved with after school clubs which they enjoy thoroughly. Arthur loves the Chess Club and they both love STEM Club. Arthur comes home and practices his chess moves," said Samantha.

Little things that make a big difference

"You feel as if the teachers are treating the children as if they were

their own. Everyone is supportive and they take all their needs into consideration. My boys have thrived since joining the school, they love going to school. One of the things Henry loves doing is getting to write on the board in the classroom and it's just little things like that, that feel special and make the children feel cared for. The teachers have a real understanding of the boys and the boys have developed lovely relationships with their teachers. Henry is going on the residential trip and he's looking forward to that. He's looking forward to two nights away with his friends," said Samantha.

Certificates and rewards

"The boys love the Lexia Certificates. They do their homework every week as they know they'll get a certificate and it's great to see how happy it makes them when they receive their reward. I'd recommend any parent to visit Dronfield. It's such a lovely place to be," said Samantha.

Children say

Henry says: "I like science."

Arthur says: "I like maths."