



Michael and Kayla are both blossoming in the encouraging environment of Hawkesley Church Primary Academy

John and Ada live in Kings Norton with their children, Emmanuel, aged 11, Michael, aged 9, and Kayla, aged 5.

Inspiring words

John and Ada like the good values promoted by Hawkesley Church Primary Academy and the way Michael and Kayla are being encouraged by the staff to be the best they can be. John says: "We think the school motto: 'Let your light shine,' motivates Michael and Kayla to achieve well academically and to exemplify the Christian ethos of the school."

Good incentives

Michael is a bright student and is making good progress at Hawkesley, John says. "The teachers have seen the potential in him and are encouraging him to apply himself to his work. Kayla is also thriving at the school because of the kindness of her teachers. Like Michael, she loves numbers and is being motivated to do well in Maths - her favourite subject."

Warm welcome

John and Ada chose the school for their children after they moved from Liverpool to Birmingham because it was close to where they were living. John says: "Emmanuel and Kayla got a place at Hawkesley straight away, but Michael was sent to another primary school. However, when we compared the schools, we thought Hawkesley was by far the best because of the expertise of the teachers and the way they checked the children's work. We were also made to feel very welcome when we went to Parents' Evening. We were very pleased when Michael was also given a place there."

Great progress

The couple liked Hawkesley being a church school and thought it would be a good environment for their children. John says: "We were pleased to find this was correct and impressed with the leadership of the school. Michael had no trouble settling in when he started in Year 3 and was made to feel welcome by everyone. His handwriting is now good and he enjoys writing whole pages of work in English. He has also worked hard to learn his times tables. He has made lots of friends and enjoys playing football at school."

Caring staff

Kayla started in the nursery at Hawkesley when she was three and has since moved up into Reception and Year One. "She settled in very well thanks to the kind teachers," John says. "She now has the same teacher in Year One that she had in Reception and we think the continuity has been good for her. She enjoys working with numbers, but is good at English as well."

Strong leadership

John says Michael and Kayla have both made good friendships at the school and are happy there. "When I go into the school, I can see that the staff try to promote the Christian ethos to the children during collective worship in the school hall and actively try to instill good values in them. We think the Headteacher, Miss Poleon, is doing a great job and she makes herself accessible to children and parents. She welcomes everyone as they drop off their children and addresses them by their names and the teachers follow her lead and we are always made to feel very welcome."

Attentive teachers

"When we go in to see the teachers at open days, we can tell that they have taken the time to get to know and understand our children and so we could not be happier with the way Hawkesley Church Primary Academy are looking after them."

Children say

Michael says: "Hawkesley is an outstanding school and I am extremely privileged to be in such a wonderful school."

Kayla says: "Hawkesley is a fun school and the teachers are friendly. I like the school because it is comfortable and you are free to express yourself. Forest School is one of my favourite times because we get to explore nature and learned how to use a bit and brace drill."