



Jessica and Jordan live in Hertfordshire with their children, Jack, aged 6, and Emmy, aged 4

Jack has had a fresh start with all the right support at Oakview Primary School

The right support

Jessica says finding the right school for Jack, who is autistic and on the pathway for ADHD, had been challenging, with two previous ones unable to meet his needs: "He was at two mainstream schools prior, but they unfortunately couldn't handle his needs. At his second school, he was only there three days, and they said they couldn't accommodate him," she explains.

When they visited Oakview, things immediately felt different: "We came to look around without Jack first to see what we thought, and we just knew straight away that this was the school for him. We were taken aback by the amount of support. Nothing was ever a problem," she says.

Feeling at home

Despite feeling unsettled on the first day, Jack quickly found his feet: "He had a bit of an up and down first day, which is to be expected, but

after that, everyone – the teachers, the SENCo, the headteacher – were so accommodating to his needs. I think after that first initial day, which can be quite scary, he felt at home and that he was in a safe environment," Jessica says.

"From that point onwards, he just settled. They were so good with his transition, even accommodating things like shorter days around my work, which made a big difference."

Jack says: "I love Oakview because I love being able to ride my scooter through the gate to my class and I love doing maths."

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