



Shap School proved a reason to stay in Shap when Katie and Stephen Burke moved their children Beth and Terence from London four years ago

Katie and Stephen Burke have Bethany age 7 in Year 2 and Terence age 10 in Year 6

A warm welcome

Katie and Stephen moved their family to Shap from London and were immediately impressed by Shap school. "Both the children love Shap school. Terence joined in Year 2 and ever since he has thrived. We noticed a lovely positive change in Terence when he started at Shap, it's been a great place for nurturing his confidence. Every child is seen as an individual. From the first week we were mentioned in the weekly newsletter as a new family and it's little things like that, they make a huge difference to feeling included," said Katie.

Shap School made us want to stay

"Our move to Shap came out of the pandemic and part of the reason we've stayed is because of Shap school. Our school in London was lovely but the change in Terence on joining Shap school made us want to stay. He has blossomed at Shap. We felt very welcomed and Beth settled in easily. We feel Terence is valued by the school community which came across right from the beginning," said Katie.

Getting ready to soar

"The best thing about Shap school is the way each individual child is well known and well valued. That sense of

individuality comes across strongly and each child is encouraged to fulfil their potential academically, socially and emotionally. It's a very supportive environment. "A safe branch from which to soar," is their motto and I think that really reflects the school ethos perfectly, it's such a safe place. By the time the children reach Year 6 they are ready to soar," said Katie.

Children say:

Terence says: "The residentials are great, I loved the rope climbing."

Beth says: "I love doing the nativity."

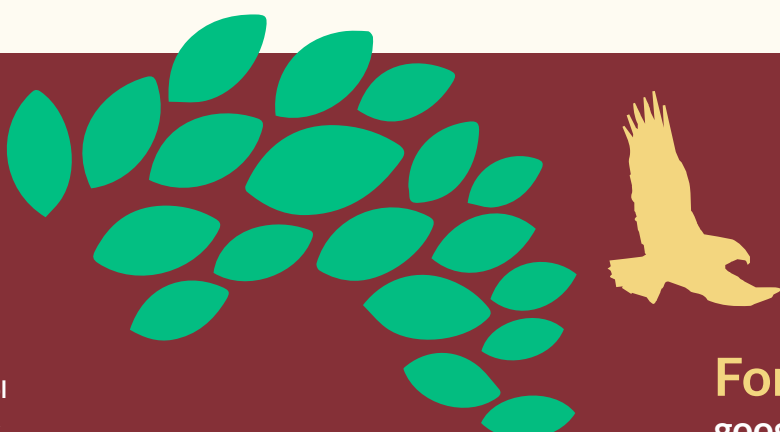


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