



St Mary's has been a supportive influence for David and his daughter Rebecca

Getting to know each other

Rebecca started in Reception and finds school great. She's excited to attend and misses it when we're away. Being new to the country, school have been great in guiding me and assisting with the education system and how everything works", says David.

Helping to manage change

David feels Rebecca has been supported by her teachers and staff at St Mary's, that they are proactive in caring and nurturing for every aspect of student's development, not just academic progress. "There have been periods when Rebecca has had ups and downs and school have always been there. They are extremely supportive especially when there are things happening outside of school that can impact behaviours in school. Mr Roos was prompt to chat with me and provide support. They are very proactive to offer support. They have a 360 approach and are very attentive," says David.

Always lots to do

There are lots of activities to get involved with - the summer and winter fair. They are all great ways to feel connected with the school. The communication and dialogue with school has always been good and staff are open and approachable for everyone. I go into school twice a year to learn of Rebecca's progress as well as whether she needs support at home. Rebecca is a hyperactive girls, I that very well as I was very similar", says David.

Always visible

Seeing a friendly face on the way into school is important at St Mary's, just like being wished a good evening at home time. Teachers and leaders are always very present at school. They are often outside making sure everyone arrives and leaves safely. Everyone is very visible," says David.

Trips outside of school

St Mary's takes advantage of being close to London's main attractions and visits to museums and places of interest are regular events. "Rebecca enjoys research projects and the art classes. She's very creative. Rebecca enjoys the school trips and has loved all of them. With the choir she has done a music festival and went to sing at the Royal Albert Hall," says David.

Specialist partnership

Terapia is an external partner of St Mary's who specialise in providing therapeutic support for children and parents. Rebecca is excited to be heading into year 5. There are different influences from different teachers at school and every Monday she has a one-to-one session that is full of creativity, run by Terapia. She always looks forward to those sessions and the staff keep me up to date with how the sessions are going, which I appreciate", says David.

Part of the community

Living close to school means David and Rebecca can walk together every day. On their walk to school they see familiar faces and feel part of the school community. They have both made friends and feel connected to their local neighbourhood. "I would highly recommend the school to anyone considering sending their child to St Mary's. It would always be my first choice. It's a great school," says David.