

Zevron chose to move his son Za'ni to St Mary's to give him a new start and the best chance at achieving his potential

Zevron's son Za'ni is in Year 5.

Za'ni moved from Leicester having had a tough start to school

"I moved Za'ni from his school in Leicester to St Mary's at the beginning of Year 5. I felt Za'ni wasn't in a supportive environment and he wasn't fulfilling his potential, there was a risk he was being let down by his school and I wanted to turn things around for him. He was being portrayed in a way at his old school that felt negative, so I moved him for a fresh start," said Zevron.

A new start and a new chance to thrive

"When he joined St Mary's, the teachers and staff worked with us to assess what Za'ni needed and now he is thriving. He's now in class, every day, sitting with the other students and doing well. It's a huge credit to the staff at St Mary's to see the change in Za'ni and to see how well he's doing, I knew he was highly capable and could do the work, he just needed to be given a chance and get the right support," said Zevron.

Playing basketball and sharing news of his day

"He does have a support plan and we're working with school on this. It would be great to think that this will change in the future as he's doing so well and showing such progress. Za'ni comes home now and shares his day with me, it's always positive feedback about what he's been doing and he's enjoying learning everything. He plays basketball, he's playing for a team, Enfield Scorpions and he's very active with that. I'm helping him and supporting his training as I played professionally so it's great to be able to support his dreams and goals of wanting to play professionally too," said Zevron.

Helping him to fly

"Za'ni has settled in well, he's making friends and the staff all seem to like him and have good things to share about how he's doing. He seems pretty popular. We're not thinking too far ahead at the moment, just concentrating on each day and making the most of it, seeing him on this new path is more than enough for now, thinking to where he was and where he is now, I'm just so grateful to St Mary's, it's a wonderful school. I had some feedback from a teacher recently where they thought had Za'ni had a different start he'd most likely be a top student, so that's the aim, to help him fly now, he's got so much potential, I want to help him achieve it," said Zevron.

Highly recommend St Mary's

"I'd highly recommend St Mary's to new parents. From my experience they have a great teaching team and I honestly don't have anything negative to say about them. It's a great, supportive learning environment and the teachers and staff work hard to help each child. I'm a little lost for words to be honest, I'd just highly recommend them," said Zevron.

Children say:

Za'ni says: "I like school now and playing basketball with my friends."