



West Acton Primary School is a big part of family life for Diana, her husband Nayef their son Zain

Diana and Nayef have Zain in Year 4, age 8 and their older daughter Maha is in Year 7 at high school, who also attended West Acton from Nursery to Year 6

Fond memories

As an ex-pupil, Diana has many fond memories of West Acton. She attended the school from Reception all the way through to Year 3 and knows other parents and some teaching staff who have done the same. Having attended West Acton and living in the area, Diana appreciates the sense of community school provides. "I've lived in West Acton all my life. There is a Catholic Primary School nearby which some parents aspire to attend, but for me, the diversity offered by West Acton and

the way the children are cared for as individuals is what makes West Acton special."

Involved with school

Diana and her husband Nayef volunteer with school. Diana volunteered with the PTA and was Chair for two years, Nayef is a current Parent Governor. "Being involved with the PTA was a brilliant way to support school, we hosted events, raised money and helped school provide activities for the children to enjoy. My role as Chair gave me an insight into how hard the teachers

and staff work and the extra time they give to making school life fun for the children. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes," says Diana.

Parent Governor

School was looking for someone who could advise with IT and digital resources and as an IT specialist, Nayef had the skills and experience they were looking for. Nayef says, "West Acton is a school where every child is valued and supported. If you're looking for a place that truly champions diversity, nurtures confidence and builds a strong sense of community, I'd wholeheartedly encourage you to consider West Acton for your child."

Extra support

Zain had only just started school when COVID happened. Like many children whose life at school changed overnight, Zain needed support to hit his learning milestones. "Zain's teacher referred him for Speech and Language assessment just before lockdown. Zain was assessed online by an external assessor. It was confirmed that Zain needed additional support," says Diana. "This continued once he returned to the classroom. Zain is comfortable telling me how he's feeling and his open communication is all thanks to the encouragement and support from school."

Learning important skills

"School is very good at making learning feel part of the day and making it fun. Zain was encouraged to learn to share in the younger classes and learned how to play in a group thanks to his teacher setting time aside with his peers for 'Lego

Therapy'. He now attends 'Writing Club' which has been running once a week for the last six weeks. This was to help with his comprehension skills and he has improved and seeing this improvement has helped his confidence," says Diana.

Enjoying school

"Zain enjoys Maths, he plays Times Tables Rockstars and he's been coming home telling me about the Stone Age so I think he'll come to like History and Geography when he's older," says Diana. "He enjoys his weekly Spanish, Music and PE lessons. Learning at school always feels varied and there's always lots of different topics that the children are enjoying."

Give it a go

"To any parent thinking of sending their child to West Acton, I'd say to "come and give it a go". It's a welcoming and friendly school. School is very good at identifying what the children need. They deliver learning in ways that make it feel fun and part of everyday life," says Diana.

Children say:

Zain says: "I enjoy my lessons and I like my teachers."

Maha says: "West Acton is where some of my most unforgettable happy memories were created."

