



West Acton Primary School has given Eden and Theodros' children Abigail and Aaron confidence with patient teaching and care

Eden and Theodros have Abigail age 9 in Year 5 and Aaron age 5 in Reception

Enjoying school

Abigail started at West Acton in Reception class and Aaron has moved up from the nursery to start his school journey. Eden says, "The children are doing very well. Abigail has lots of friends and the diversity and different ethnicities of everyone at West Acton makes it a special school. There's always things going on and it's lovely to hear so many languages being spoken in and around school."

Preparing next steps

Abigail and her parents are starting to plan for school life post West Acton. Theodros says, "Abigail is working hard. We're preparing to sit the 11 plus exams so that she can continue her studies at a grammar school. West Acton are supporting us and working with us to help Abigail prepare. They have given us the green light and we're very pleased to have their support."

Overcoming challenges

"Abigail was incredibly shy at first and struggled to speak in class. Her teachers worked with us to help build her confidence. It's incredible to see the change in her and how well she's doing. As soon as we realised Abigail needed additional support, school were there to support with special speech and language services. The teachers and staff are very good at identifying what the children need. Even when Abigail is poorly she doesn't want to miss school, she loves to be with her friends and her teachers" says Eden.

Location and curriculum

"When we were looking for a school, West Acton stood out to us. It was nearby and location was important. We also liked the curriculum and what the teachers explained the children would be learning. It felt a friendly place and very welcoming. The playground is large with lots of space for the children to play" says Theodros.

Warm welcome

"Every morning our Head Teacher is there welcoming the children and parents into school. I think this is important and such a lovely way to start the day. Knowing she is there to talk to and for the children to be welcomed, she knows all their names, makes them feel special and at home," says Eden.

Starting Reception

Aaron has moved from the nursery at West Acton and has started Reception. "Aaron is having a great time in Reception. The move from nursery has

been easy and he's settled in well. His teachers tell us he is happy and they are happy with him so it's all very good so far," says Eden.

Parent community

"We've made lots of friends thanks to Abigail and getting to know the parents of her friends. There's always coffee mornings and birthday parties filling up the calendar. It's nice to be part of a community of parents all sharing the school journey," says Eden.

Great teachers

"The teachers at West Acton are all very good and friendly. They always follow up on things you discuss with them and they're supportive. They make the effort to understand when there are problems and I appreciate their patience with everyone," says Eden.

Very happy

"We're very happy with school. Everyone, the teachers and the staff, especially the Head Teacher are warm and welcoming. We recommend West Acton to new families all the time, it's a great school to be part of," says Theodros.

Children say:

Abigail says: "I have lots of friends."

Aaron says: "I like playing football."

