



Carlien Ras's family has recently joined St White's School from South Africa and everyone has settled in brilliantly

Carlien and her husband have their son Corniel in Year 1 age 6 and their daughter Caterien, in Year 4 age 9.

Quick to settle

Carlien and her family moved to the UK from South Africa where children do not attend school until the year they turn 7. "The children are doing well. We enrolled last year and they started in September. They have adapted so well and are very happy to come to school every day. This has been their first experience of being educated in English and they have surprised us at how quickly they have settled in. The school has been a huge support and instrumental to the children settling so well," says Carlien.

Whole child approach

At St White's, children are encouraged to explore and discover their

interests and Carlien has noticed this already. "School works hard to develop the children holistically. They are encouraged to develop their interests and the children enjoy these opportunities. They love being with their friends and the teachers really seem to see the children for who they are. There is real encouragement for the children to discover what they love and what they enjoy learning and doing. The children are very fond of their teachers.

Dedicated teachers that make school feel special

"Each class has a bird's name which the children love and it gives a sense of identity within school. You spot the

birds throughout school and it adds to a sense of belonging. St White's provide a safe and nurturing learning environment, they ensure all the children are supported to reach their full potential. I'm so grateful for the teacher's dedication to the children: they seem very special and we feel very blessed to be parents at St White's," says Carlien.

Children say:

Corniel says: "I like playing football with my friends."

Caterien says: "My teacher is the best."



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