



Copthorne
Primary School
No limits on learning

Evita and Martins have been proud to watch their son Edgar grow in confidence at Copthorne Primary School

Evita Legzdina and Martins Kleinsmits live in Bradford with their sons, Edgar, aged nine, and Marcis, aged three.



Helpful staff

Evita has nothing but praise for Copthorne and the way the staff have helped Edgar make progress in English and develop good communications skills. She says: "Edgar was born in Latvia and we moved to Britain when he was six. I was worried about him going to school because he could speak very little English. He was offered a place at Copthorne when we moved into this area of Bradford and I remember that I was scared about him starting there. But as soon as I went into the school I was reassured. I knew he would be safe there and that everything would be okay. I felt that it was a good place to leave my child."



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Progress in English

Evita says to begin with she was worried that because of Edgar's lack of English his classmates in Year Two might not communicate with him. "But now he has finished Year Five he got a very good report in English. The school have really helped him to develop his language skills and he communicates well with other children. His progress has been fast and we have seen his English get better every year," she says.

Wide vocabulary

Edgar chooses to speak English at home with his family as his first language. "He prefers to communicate with us in English because his vocabulary is good and he knows so many words in English. He feels he can explain things better to us if he speaks in English. He has made wonderful progress and we are really proud of him," Evita says.

Enjoying Maths

"Edgar is now also doing very well in Maths. He enjoys his Maths lessons and doing Mathletics on line when he is at home. I think the website has provided him with great motivation to work at his Maths," Evita says. "He is still struggling a little bit with his writing and even though he has some great ideas for stories he sometimes does not seem to want to put the words down on paper. However, the school have given him extra tasks to help him develop his creative writing."

Parents feel welcome

"I like going into the school because it has a happy atmosphere. There are always people available who want to show you the way to places. It is a very well organised school and the atmosphere is welcoming," Evita says. "The parents are kept very well informed. The school regularly send letters home and put information on their website and they make it easy for you if you have any concerns you want to express because there is always someone available to speak to."

Developing social skills

"Most of all I think the school has made Edgar develop as a person. Through the years I have seen Edgar become more

confident and his social skills have become much better. When he joined the school he was just six years old and he was afraid. He didn't know how to speak to other people. He has recently joined the Scouts and now he has no problem at all communicating with the other children. He has made some good friends now," Evita says.

Good teachers

"All Edgar's teachers at Copthorne have been good so far. Each teacher has seen different things that he needs to improve and I think the progress they have all helped Edgar make with his English has been amazing.

"I would definitely recommend Copthorne to other parents. I am looking forward to my little boy, Marcis, starting in the nursery next year because I know that he will be looked after and cared for there," Evita says.

Children say:

Edgar says: "I always like going to school because I have the best teachers."

