



Returning to Holy Trinity C of E Primary School was the best thing in the world for Mick's adopted children



Mick and Karen Ashton live in Darwen with their five children, Joe 12, Greg, seven, twins Max and Leo, five and Olga, four.

Secure environment

When Mick and his wife Karen adopted five children they were determined to send them to a school that provided a happy and secure environment. Holy Trinity C of E Primary School was the perfect choice.



"Joe used to go to Holy Trinity but after a family breakdown he moved several miles away," says Mick. "In the eight months he was away his grades went down and he was very unhappy but then he came to live with us and went back to Holy Trinity where he blossomed and did fantastically well. In Year Six he was awarded Pupil of the Year and we were incredibly proud."

Amazing staff

Mick attributes much of his son's success to the quality of teaching at Holy Trinity.

"The staff are absolutely amazing," he says. "The teachers were so good with Joe and the headmaster is excellent."

"Our other son Greg now goes to the school and twins Max and Leo are in the reception class. I can't fault the school and all the kids are really happy. When they come out at the end of the day a lot of them go to give the teachers and the headmaster a hug. He's really good fun and has even been known to have a snowball fight with the kids, which they loved!

"I believe that as long as children are happy at school everything else falls into place. All my children love it."

Joining in

Holy Trinity provides a variety of after school clubs for children. They also encourage parents to join in with the school's activities.

"There are lots of sports and after school clubs for the kids," says Mick. "Parents are also invited to a Friday breakfast club and they can go to a special assembly each week where the children receive little awards for their achievements, which really encourages them. There is also a mid-week lunchtime club where parents can go and get involved with different things that their kids are doing."

Dealing with problems

If there are ever any problems at Holy Trinity the staff will intervene quickly and deal with these effectively and efficiently.

"Max and Greg occasionally have behaviour issues, but when you discuss these with the teachers they are always very understanding and easy to talk to," says Mick. "You never feel as if you are wasting anyone's time, as they are

always interested and clearly love the kids. None of the children worry about going to the teachers for help.

"Communication is excellent, and a newsletter is sent out each week so everyone knows what is happening, which is really good."

A good balance

Mick has no hesitation in recommending Holy Trinity School.

"I'd recommend the school to anyone," he says. "The school's academic achievements are very good, but most importantly, the children are all happy and to me that means absolutely everything. The teachers seem to do a fantastic job in achieving a good balance between the children getting their work done, and allowing them to have fun."

"Joe quickly went from being an unhappy, worried boy, to getting high grades and achieving Pupil of the Year, which was a credit to him, the school and the teachers. When Joe left he wrote cards to thank the teachers for what they had done and his Year Six teacher could hardly read it for crying. That says it all – they care so much."



Children say:

"There isn't anything I don't like about Holy Trinity," says Joe. "The teachers are fair with everyone, they listen to any concerns you have and solve any problems in a cool, calm manner. I love it!"

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