



## Transferring to Holy Trinity School proved to be a real turning point for Emma's children

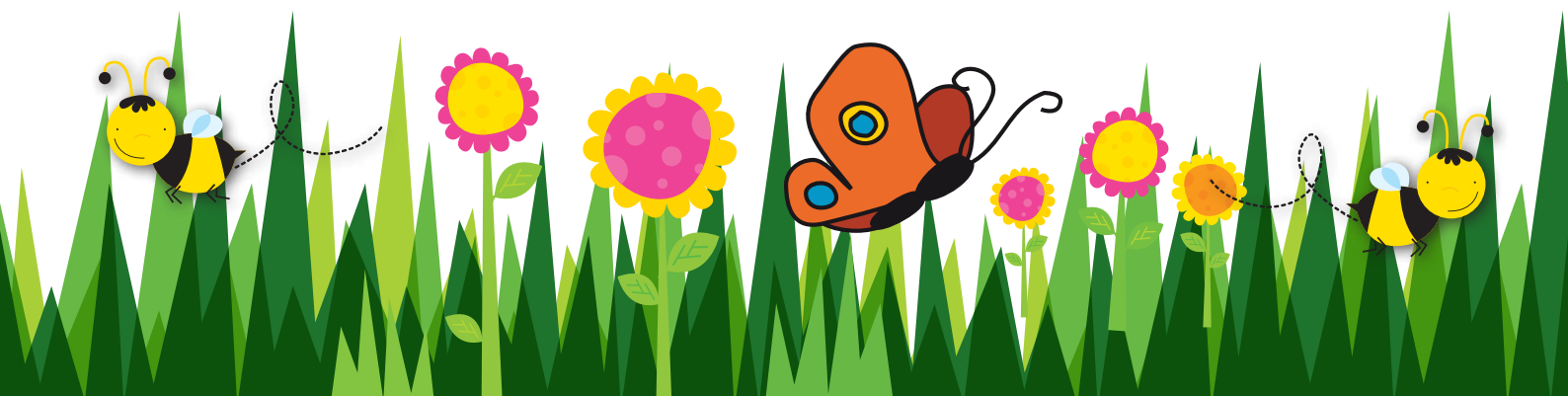
Emma Posteraro lives in Darwen with her husband Mario, and five children – Dylan 12, Dale, 10, Demi, eight, Sonny six and Marcella three.



### Changing classrooms

Emma's son Dale was so unhappy at his previous school that he simply did not want to go there. Moving him to Holy Trinity School proved to be the perfect solution to Dale's problems.

"Dale was in Year One at his old school and absolutely hated going every day," recalls Emma. "I didn't feel that he was getting the help that he needed and so when a friend told me what a good school Holy Trinity was I arranged for him to be transferred there."





"Holy Trinity is brilliant and the staff are fantastic. Now Dale is so much happier every day and he absolutely loves going. When the children first started at the school they used a buddy system so that another child was able to help them find their way around and get to know the other children and that meant they settled in really quickly.

"My children go to a Breakfast Club at the school and at the end of the day they are brought home again in the school mini bus, which is great. I'm so pleased that we moved Dale to this school, and my other children absolutely love it too. I'm really happy."

## Special needs

The staff at Holy Trinity work hard to give the children the life skills they will need to deal with challenges they are likely to face in later life.

"The staff and the children at the school are all amazing," says Emma. "Dale has special educational needs and he has been provided with 25 hours a week of one-to-one support from a specialist assistant, and this has helped him to come a long way in a short time.

"The school also has a really good Sensory Room where Dale can go from time to time to help him calm down and relax, and he really likes that."

## Recognising success

The school tries to ensure that all children at the school have a clear and distinct voice and are valued as equals. A special Achievements Assembly is an important weekly event that rewards the success of pupils.

"The children are given awards for good learning at a special Friday assembly each week," says Emma. "Sometimes when they get an award they are allowed to wear a different coloured jumper so that everyone can recognise the good learning they have done and they can feel proud. I think this is great because it encourages them to keep on trying to do well."

## Communication

The relationships that Holy Trinity develops with the children, families and the local community helps to create a happy, caring and welcoming environment. An excellent website, weekly newsletter and text messages are just some of the methods that Holy Trinity employs to communicate effectively with parents.

"I really like that the school will get in touch with you by text message if they need to tell you something," says Emma. "For example, if your child is going to get an award at the Friday assembly the school will text you and let you know so that you can go along if you want to, which is really helpful."

"The teachers are lovely and the headmaster Mr. Standen is just brilliant. He is really fun and outgoing, and you can go to him with any problems that you have and he will listen and do his best to try and help."



## Children say:

"I really love going to school because it is always fun and exciting," says Dale. And Emma adds: "I went to a parents evening recently and my daughter's teacher told me: 'Demi always seems really happy – she does nothing but smile all day!' And that makes me smile too..."

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