

# Laura's children have a love of learning, another thing they have been taught at King's Hedges Educational Federation



Laura and Steven live in North Cambridge with their children Joshua, 7, Katy, 5 and Ellie, 4.

## An unexpected find

As there was no nursery attached to their nearest school, Laura and Steven decided to send Joshua to the one at King's Hedges Educational Federation with the intention of moving him to their first choice of school for Reception Class. However, they were so pleased with what they found at King's Hedges they decided to enrol him there for the rest of his Primary School years, and subsequently obtained places for both Katy and Ellie there, too.

"I really liked everything about it," says Laura. "Obviously it has changed quite a lot since I went there myself but it was lovely to find that my old Headteacher was still there to look after my own children! I was also pleased how they treated Joshua and any time there was any of the usual playground bickering it was all sorted out quickly and efficiently. In fact, I have since discovered that the school has an excellent



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anti-bullying policy which made a big impact on the children. It taught them from an early age that poor behaviour was unacceptable and it is noticeable how well-mannered all the children seem to be."

## A good preparation

As far as the educational standards are concerned, Laura again has no complaints. "If anything, they are all doing much better than I had hoped or even expected. Joshua's reading skills are amazing, Katy is learning things I would have thought far beyond her age and even Ellie can read and write. I like the fact that the Nursery year prepares them really well for school proper; the emphasis seems to be learning through play but in a fairly structured environment and with resources such as Curiosity Corner. This lets the children explore different aspects of a given subject in a way which suits themselves and seems to be a lovely idea."

## Taking a pride in their work

Another major attraction of King's Hedges to Laura is the way that all her children are given work appropriate to their capabilities, so that they neither have to struggle to keep up nor are held back by curriculum restraints. "If a teacher feels that the children are able to take on something more challenging then they are given the opportunity to do so," she explains. "Joshua loves the Home Learning projects he is given and although these are not compulsory he takes a lot of pride in doing things by himself at home. My only slight concern was for Ellie who, being one of the oldest in her class and very bright, sometimes gets bored with doing things she already knows. Occasionally she will get frustrated by not being allowed to do something new and can get a bit disruptive, but her teachers are aware of her little quirks and handle things very well."



## Looking forward to each new day

Confident that King's Hedges is bringing out the best of her children academically, Laura is also more than happy with the fact that all three really do enjoy their school days. "There's never a time when they look for an excuse not to go, even if they are feeling under the weather or even if we have to walk there in horrible weather! They can't wait to get out of the door in the morning and I am sure that will make their time at King's Hedges even more productive than it already is."

## Children say

Joshua:

"The best thing about King's Hedges is doing philosophy, I like thinking more about people's opinions and my opinions too. PE Lessons are really fun because there is lots of different equipment we can use."

Katy:

"My favourite thing at King's Hedges is doing PE because it is very fun and I like playing at break and lunch time with all my friends. We can play on the bikes or scooters or with the chalks."

Ellie:

"The best thing about my school is doing lots of things and learning things. I really like going to school and I like playing with all my friends at school."



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