

Rachal's son was a school refuser, but King's Hedges Educational Federation refused to give up on him



Rachal Creek lives in North Cambridge with her three children, Rhys, Ben and Jay. Ben and Jay have both been to King's Hedges School where Jay is currently in his final year.

A strong dislike of school

As more or less any parent will agree, no two children are the same and Rachal has hard evidence of this with her two younger boys, Ben and Jay. Whilst Ben is naturally quick to learn and has always enjoyed school, from as early as two years old Jay has proved very different. "Even from nursery Jay has disliked school and has tried anything he can to avoid going," Rachal says. "Whatever the reason might be, sometimes it has been really difficult to persuade him into school in the mornings and I can only feel grateful that King's Hedges has been very sympathetic and understanding."



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Rachal is keen to stress that Jay's reluctance is by no means a fault of the way he is treated at King's Hedges, just an expression of his general antipathy to school in general. "Academically, he had a harder time than his brothers. However, he excels at physical activities and has made full use of the after school clubs on offer such as cricket, music and especially football which he now plays in the school team."

Lifting the pressure

The School now use an Accelerated Reading programme which involves doing an online quiz after reading each book. Jay gets support with this from the Headteacher who spends time with him each day. "It has made such a difference and he has come on a great deal in the last few months." "I am very impressed that the Head is prepared to devote the time to encouraging him in his reading and he certainly enjoys this way of learning far more. Treating Jay as an individual and having much more empathy and understanding of his individual needs has really helped his experience at school. His tests results have definitely improved and he often gets 80% to 100%, so this programme works very well for Jay.

The next stage

Transition to Secondary school is often a difficult time for children. King's Hedges has links to a charitable organisation called Blue Smile which works with the school to provide mentoring, counselling and support to children who need it on many issues, of which making the transition to secondary school a smoother process is just one.

Children say

Jay says: "The best part about school is playing for the school football team."



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