



Louise believes Milking Bank Primary School produces **confident, sociable, well-rounded** children who are willing to have a go at anything

No reason to look elsewhere

As a teacher herself, Louise knew what she was looking for in a school. She heard excellent things from neighbours about Milking Bank Primary School and she got a great feeling about it when they looked around. "Milking Bank Primary School had a brilliant reputation and it was within walking distance of our house. With such a warm, welcoming and friendly feel that I knew I wanted my children to go there without question. We had no reason to look elsewhere."

Louise and Lee Clarke live in Dudley with their children Anna, 12 and James, 8 in Year 3.



Caring and safe

Whilst Louise appreciates the importance of academic achievement, the main priority for her is that her children will be cared for and feel safe and valued. "When we're not there I want someone who will look after my children. It has that warm, homely feel; my children couldn't have been better cared for than they have been at this school."

Happy memories

Louise feels Milking Bank Primary School has been provided some amazing memories for her daughter, who has recently moved up to secondary school. "She had such a wonderful time, right from starting in nursery. We've never had one unhappy time. They've provided her with fantastic opportunities and a great grounding. Anna was very sad to leave."

Stimulating lessons and a vibrant environment

Louise's youngest child, James is equally enjoying his time at Milking Bank Primary School. "James was used to seeing Anna go to school and how happy she was there. He couldn't wait to go!" says Louise. "The learning is so stimulating that James never stops talking about his lessons!" says Louise. "The resources they have available ensure children are able to get really engaged in lessons. It's such a vibrant environment that children want to be there and want to learn."

Providing a strong foundation for the next step

It's the whole experience of the school that Louise believes has helped her children to grow in confidence. "Each child fulfils everything they are capable of achieving through teachers who are approachable, incredibly supportive and who focus on each child's individual strengths. Everything they do with them ensures the transition up to secondary education is as smooth as possible."



Recognition and praise

There's lots of praise at Milking Bank Primary School too. "They have praise assemblies which are brilliant for boosting confidence. They recognise all skills and achievements, not just academic achievements, which I really like."

Louise believes the opportunities available for extracurricular opportunities also support each child's individual strengths. "The school has something for everyone in their after school clubs, which ensures each child has a chance to shine."

Helping to grow confidence

Louise feels that the teachers seem to understand each child's unique personality. "Anna's confidence came on so much at this school. Each year she grew as a person and Year 6 saw her thrive. Teachers go that extra mile to develop children's confidence to enable them to succeed and ensure they are ready for their move to secondary school"

Parental involvement

There are also plenty of opportunities for parental involvement to support learning, which allows parents to work with teachers to help children develop. "They keep you up to date on new initiatives and you're invited into workshops and to share in your child's successes."

Louise adds: "There is absolutely nothing negative I can say about Milking Bank Primary School. It's a creative, stimulating and caring environment where children reach their full potential."



Children say:

James says: "All the lessons are fun but my favourite is maths as they give you extra challenges."

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