



Leighann Wright lives in Islington with her children Remie, aged 6 in Year 2 and Juelz, aged 8 in Year 4.



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Leighann moved to Islington when Juelz was in Year 2; she chose New North Academy for her family because she liked the modern, contemporary look of the school and because of what she'd heard about it from other people. "I had researched local schools online and I liked what I read about New North Academy. Speaking to local people showed me others were impressed with it too!"

A place where children want to be

Right from the beginning, Leighann noticed how eager and happy Juelz was to go to school. "It's a really welcoming school and I know Juelz immediately felt comfortable. He settled in very quickly and has never once complained about going. Both of my children enjoy their time at school."

A fun learning environment

Leighann feels this enthusiasm has lots to do with the fun learning environment at New North Academy. "There's always lots of activities for the children to get involved with and different things going on. I think being an Academy means they're able to offer a whole host of different opportunities to the children that perhaps they wouldn't get offered at other schools. The array of after school clubs for the children is impressive and they also offer clubs for parents to get involved with too, which is a nice touch."

Leighann adds "My children look forward to their lessons and I think that's a really important part of building an enthusiasm for learning."

Individual support

According to Leighann, she is very happy with the progress her children are making at New North Academy. "I've been really pleased," she says. "For me, I think one of the strengths of the teaching staff is their ability to identify where children may need some extra support. For example, Juelz has struggled a little with his writing; things like holding the pencil correctly, keeping his writing neat and tidy and writing enough words during lessons. I feel the teachers have been very good at supporting and encouraging him. They've given him a diary to use each day at home, to practise his writing in and to encourage him to write, which I think is a good idea."

Leighann adds; "School has noticed that Remie too is having some difficulties with her writing. Teachers have

given her some additional activities to help with her letter formation, which I'm pleased with. I can't fault the teaching team."

Strong communication

Knowing how your child is progressing and behaving at school is important. Leighann feels New North Academy is very good at communicating with parents. "They have good systems in place and will use a variety of ways to contact you. If anything happens, they will call you up or send you a text; or they'll come and speak to you and are very good at ensuring you're kept updated. The teachers are very approachable, for both parents and for children."

Happy and content

Leighann adds "I'm really happy I chose New North Academy for my children. I believe the teachers are very good at identifying areas of need and working to develop these. My children are settled at school and focused on their work and importantly they want to be there. As a parent, knowing your children are happy and content in their school environment is very reassuring."

Children say:

Juelz says "I like maths and ICT lessons, and the school clubs. The teachers are really nice and will help you with any problems."

Remie says "I like my teacher and my friends, and lunches on Fridays are my favourite!"



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