

Cindy believes Scholes Village Primary School has helped her children blossom through creative teaching



Family bonds

Cindy and her family moved to Scholes from Australia a year ago to live closer to family. The girls spent an initial period at Scholes Village Primary School before returning to Australia for a short period. On their return to the UK, the school was the top choice for the family. Stuart attended Scholes Village Primary School when he was younger so the family felt a real bond with it.

Cindy and Stuart Wider live in Scholes village with their daughters Isha, eight and Sumaya, six.

Strong creative curriculum

Cindy and Stuart are both very creative people and their experience told them Scholes Village Primary School was able to offer an excellent creative curriculum for Isha and Sumaya who are following in their footsteps. "Both girls are very artistic and have creative strengths," says Cindy. "The school works hard to find different creative ways to present art projects to their pupils. This was really important for us."

A nurturing environment

Sumaya and Isha's self confidence has grown hugely. "It's a very personal environment at Scholes Village Primary School. It's a very intimate experience there. It's like an extension of our home and it has been perfect for our girls," says Cindy. "The teachers go beyond the normal; they know each of the children's names, which is really special," adds Cindy.

Awards for unique achievements

In addition, Cindy loves how the school rewards the childrens' own unique abilities via an awards assembly. "Certificates are given out to specifically encourage the child," explains Cindy. She adds: "Isha is very into Art but she also likes IT. She was given an award recently for using an IT programme - it meant so much to her. It was such a confidence boost. The assemblies really are precious for the children." Parents are invited to attend the assemblies, which Cindy feels adds to the experience for the children. "It's so nice to be able to share that reward with them," she says.



Children as individuals

Sumaya is a sensitive child who Cindy feels is benefiting greatly from the personal attention offered at Scholes Village Primary School. "She needs one on one attention sometimes; someone just to listen to her. The teachers have the ability to tune into her and to get down to her level. As a result she has really opened up in school. She has blossomed because of the attention the teachers have given her," says Cindy.

Whilst both children have strong talents in Art, Cindy feels the teachers have really encouraged the children to develop all of their subject skills. "When I think about Isha's time at school in Australia, there is more emphasis on the child as an individual here," says Cindy. "There are no favourites at Scholes Village Primary School; everyone is treated as an equal, which is so important," adds Cindy. She feels the way in which the school uses creative influences to encourage children to develop their individual strengths is fantastic!

Blessed

Cindy feels the girls have settled in really well at school and formed some beautiful friendships. She says: "The teachers at Scholes Village Primary School have really helped the girls to settle in. We feel really blessed. We've never had any issues, but whenever I speak with the teachers they are always able to tell me exactly what the girls have been doing; I think that's amazing and so reassuring."

Children say:

Sumaya says: "The best thing about Scholes Village Primary School is my teachers. They are very kind and help me and my friends to learn!"

Isha says: "I have loads of friends at this school and they are all very kind. I really like my teachers because they are caring and helpful and I learn something new every day. I love our projects because they are always different!"

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