



Lucy McCall lives in Sevenoaks with Rocco, 6.



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# Lucy believes that the freedom of Seal C of E School is perfect for children moving from London

## A perfect choice

Having moved to Sevenoaks from South East London, Lucy applied for a nearby school for Rocco. She didn't get her first choice, but now says that the small class sizes at Seal School, plus great teachers and fantastic outdoor space make it the perfect choice for Rocco.

"My first choice school was nearer to the station and as I work in London I thought this would make life easier," she says. "I'd just moved to the area and didn't know anything about Seal School. I took any negative things I heard about it with a pinch of salt and decided to find out for myself."

## Country feel

Lucy attended an Open Day and was immediately attracted to the school's friendly, country feel and amazing outdoor spaces.

"I thought the school was really nice," recalls Lucy. "It's a real country school, with a lovely play ground. Coming from South East London, it felt amazing, as it has a great playground with a climbing frame as well as a woodland area and field. A lot of the other parents seemed similar to me, and worked in London and everyone, including the teachers were very friendly."

## Silver lining

Lucy now describes the allocation of Seal School as a real stroke of luck. Class sizes are all different, and Rocco had a small class size.

"Rocco is now in Year 1 and I think all the other parents in his class feel very lucky that our children attend Seal," says Lucy. "It proved to be a real silver lining because the class sizes are small, the children are lovely, and the teachers are excellent. With only 18 children in the class they get twice as much attention, and can experience the freedom of playing outside all the time."

## Ideal for commuters

Seal School has a breakfast and afterschool club, which are ideal for working parents.

"The afterschool and breakfast clubs are very good, and I think anyone moving from London into the Sevenoaks area will love this school," says Lucy. "Rocco goes to the afterschool club and some of his friends go as well now, simply because it's such good fun. They can play in the woodland area and love it."

## Small and friendly

Seal School encourages a caring and nurturing environment, which immediately benefitted Rocco.

"The school is small, and very friendly and Rocco settled immediately," says Lucy. "The teachers are

very down to earth and approachable and there doesn't appear to be any bullying. Everyone knows everyone's names and the children all look after each other, which gives them a lot of confidence. They really enjoy their time at the school and at the end of the day they don't want to go home!"

## Exceeding expectations

Lucy is delighted with Rocco's progress.

"He's doing really well and working hard," she says. "He's exceeding expectations and reading Year Three books and his writing is very advanced. The teachers do an amazing job and if he was in a class with lots more children he wouldn't receive this level of attention."

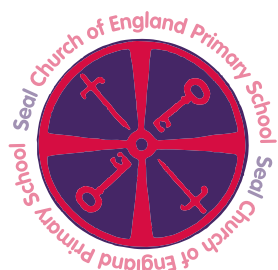
## Seal of approval

Lucy recently turned down the offer of a place at her first choice school. She explains: "I didn't move Rocco because he's very happy and getting such a good education.

"Anyone moving from London will appreciate this school, particularly because it has such a fantastic woodland area and the children can do so much outside. I really recommend it."

## Children say

Rocco says: "I like breakfast club because we have lots of stuff to eat! I like the Christmas plays because we go up onto the stage and do lots of singing. Literacy is my favourite subject and in 'plan, do, review', we make whatever we want. I design and make lots of models. I like forest school as we get to climb trees."



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