



Pip and Tyron Stalberg live in Kemsing with daughters Anna, 12 and Rebecca, 9.



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Happy and settled

Although Pip and Tyron didn't choose Seal C of E School, they are very happy with what their daughters have achieved.

"When we moved here we applied for another school, primarily because it was nearer to home," recalls Pip. "We didn't get in and our appeal was unsuccessful and so Anna started at Seal C of E School in reception class. At Christmas we were offered a place at our first choice school, but Anna was happy and settled and we decided to keep her here. Three years later Rebecca started and they've both done very well and been happy at the school."

Learning together

The school's motto is "At Seal we feel we matter and are valued. Together we achieve and succeed." and parents receive regular updates on their children's progress.

"Communication is very good," says Pip. "We receive a couple of reports a year, regular newsletters, and attend parents' evenings and there is also a monthly parents forum if you want to get involved. Parents are also able to meet their child's new teacher for the coming year, which is very useful."

Going green

Students enjoy fantastic outdoor areas, and classrooms provide views of trees and grassy fields.

"Where we lived before the school had no grass areas," says Pip. "Seal School is very green and there's a lovely nature area where the children can play and the staff take them cycling for off road experience. There is also an outside classroom and a pond area. It's a really natural learning environment."

Kind and caring

The school strives to develop confidence in children and staff are quick to react to any problems.

"Both of my girls have been really happy and enjoy going to school," says Pip. "They've never had a major problem and if there's been the odd run in with other children the staff are quick to talk to everyone and explain the importance of being kind to each other. I think they are very responsive and keen to listen to parental concerns."

Unlocking potential

Students of all academic levels are encouraged to develop a love of learning, and Anna and Rebecca have made excellent progress.

"Both girls seem to be doing very well," agrees Pip. "Anna scored highly in her eleven plus and we hope that Rebecca will continue to develop so that she too can take the eleven plus. We are confident that the school will help her to achieve her full potential."

Passport to success

The school uses a range of innovative techniques to help motivate students.

"Rebecca particularly enjoys Passport Maths," says Pip.

"Passport cards are issued with targets to help them move continents as they progress and Rebecca has responded really well to this."

"She also loves the experience days and events that the school organise. There are lots of afterschool clubs, which change every term so the children get to try different things."

High expectations

Although Pip is delighted with the academic progress her girls have made she also appreciates many other aspects of school life.

"I work in the NHS and have very high expectations of good communication and the importance of feeling valued," she says.

"Teaching standards are good and there are lots of great facilities. In addition, the after school child care is really useful and they are very flexible about when your child attends. I sometimes have to work shifts and this flexibility is very useful. I am more than happy to recommend this school."

Children say:

Anna says: "I had fun at Seal School and learnt a lot," whilst Rebecca says: "I like the school as there are lots of things outside to play on. Sometimes they make you work hard but sometimes they give prizes and marbles as rewards, which makes you persevere."



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