



# Becky believes Tebay Primary School excels at offering outstanding sporting opportunities for all abilities

Becky and Colin Wolstenholme live in Tebay with their children, Nathan, 14 and Patrick, 9 in Year 4. Becky has lots of involvement with the school, not only as a parent, but as a Parent Governor and also professionally as a Development Manager for Eden Valley Sport Partnership.

## Fantastic opportunities

Tebay Primary School is Becky and Colin's catchment school. "Our eldest son went to Tebay and enjoyed his time there, so choosing it for Patrick was an easy choice for us. We've seen some wonderful progress in the school over the past couple of years. The current Headteacher is so open to providing the children with some fantastic opportunities."

Working in sport and physical activity, Becky loves how the Headteacher embraces the range of everything on offer locally and caters for all children, no matter what their ability. "She uses the vehicle of PE and sport to give the best opportunities for all the children at the school, which I really like."





# Child centred

"The school works hard to ensure the children are gaining fundamental movement competencies of running, jumping, throwing and catching in Nursery and Key Stage 1, with other important skills like swimming and cycling. With these competencies children can then choose to join in activities and enjoy being active. The school also provide opportunities to try new things. This really helps the children to develop their life skills - it makes them more confident, more self-assured and more able, and it makes them excited to be at school. For me, the child is put at the centre of it all, which is exactly how it should be."

## Encouraging all skill levels

For Becky, what stands out about Tebay is that, where often, other schools concentrate on the middle group of children who are good at sport, Tebay encompasses everyone. "I feel the current Headteacher is doing a great job of providing opportunities for those who are in this group, and those who are less able but she also ensures the school is providing opportunities for the more able and talented children, which doesn't always happen at other schools."

## Excelling in sport

For the past two years, Tebay have not only won the District Tag Ruby Festival and represented Eden at the county final, they've also won the School Games tennis competition and represented Eden at the Cumbria School Games Final. "For a small school, this is an immense achievement. Having a dedicated sports deliverer makes a huge difference and utilising local experts and skilled parents really helps. The school ensures they participate in a range of competitions and festivals which target varying

skills and abilities. I think it's really important and it's great to see that the skills of the more able children have the opportunity to develop."

## Getting the best from each child

One of the school's keys strengths for Becky is its ability to understand each individual child and develop the potential of each one. "It's such a small school, they know all of the children so well and they know exactly how to get the best from each one."

"Patrick is a very confident boy. The school is exceptionally good at getting Patrick to work with younger children to enable him to be a better team player and he really enjoys this; he feels it gives him a voice."

## A school that values each child

Becky adds: "Tebay Primary School values each and every child. It has a real determination to ensure that we have a thriving school in the community. I'd encourage parents to come and visit it because the school has such a good feel when you walk through the door and the children are enthusiastic to learn. The small class sizes mean staff can concentrate on getting to know each child. They can really meet each child's unique needs and develop their individual skills and talents."

## Children say:

Patrick says: "I love art and all the sports competitions I can do at school!"



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