

Josie has **blossomed** and developed in **confidence** during her time at Temple Hill Community Primary School



Tracey and Rick Robertson live at Temple Hill in Dartford, with their daughter Josie, aged 11, son, Henry, aged 16, and daughter, Lily, aged 18.

Excellent progress

From a quiet three-year-old when she joined the Nursery at Temple Hill, Josie has grown in confidence and gone on to become Head Girl and Captain of the girls' football team during her last year at the school. Mum Tracey says: "Josie has had a wonderful time at Temple Hill and has finished Year Six with fantastic grades, well prepared for secondary school. She used to be very quiet and shy but now she joins in everything and puts her hand up to answer questions."



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Committed staff

"I have been lucky Josie has always enjoyed going to school and likes learning, but she has also benefited from good teaching," Tracey says. "I can't speak highly enough of the school. My older children both did well at Temple Hill and I was a pupil there when I was primary school age, but the school has continued to develop and improve. It has changed in the last few years. The staff are even more committed now to helping the children achieve and doing extra lessons with them to improve their grades."

Teaching skills

Josie is good at Maths and Science and also enjoys history. "She has done well across the whole curriculum because she absorbs everything they teach her. She has been helped to achieve her good grades by the skills of the teachers, who go above and beyond to help all the children. We are kept informed of Josie's progress by parent consultations at least every three months and told of any areas that need improving and anything we can do to help at home," Tracey says.

Taking on responsibility

"I was very proud when Josie was chosen to be head girl by the staff but she was very calm and took it in her stride. I think it has made her even more confident and she has coped well with the responsibility during the year. Josie also loves being captain of the girls' football team and playing in the school netball team," Tracey says.

Success for all

Temple Hill's main goal is for all the children to succeed. "Children who get behind can have one to one attention from members of staff, who recognise if they need to be pushed or encouraged. There are more men teachers now, which makes a difference as it is good for the children to have male role models to look up to. The younger teachers have brought fresh ideas with them, which has also been good for the school. I feel Josie has done well at Temple Hill because in the last few years the teachers have encouraged her more, resulting in her achieving excellent grades. It is a shame they haven't got a linked secondary school, as all three of our children would have gone there," Tracey says.

Constantly improving

"Different heads have had a variety of approaches but the current head has done a lot to improve the school. He's changed the layout for the better and is creating an outside classroom and garden. The

school now has more after school clubs and activities for the children and they also organise great trips," Tracey says.

Open door policy

"I would recommend Temple Hill to any other parents looking for a primary school. I am on the PTA and know that the school also support the parents, not just the children. They go out of their way to find out what families need and make everyone feel included. The door is always open to parents who want to raise concerns," Tracey says.

Children say

Josie says: "I have enjoyed going to Temple Hill and playing football and netball for the school."



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