

Three children from the same family, each with different needs, have all thrived in the atmosphere of Woodcote Primary School



Good support

Mum, Fiona, is delighted with the way Woodcote Primary School have catered for each of her children's individual needs. "The staff are very good at spotting potential and will push bright children to help them achieve, but equally they will give extra attention to those who need it," she says.

Popular with parents

"We were happy for Katie to go to Woodcote because we already knew it was a good school from what we had heard about it. I would far rather listen to what people say than rely on an Ofsted report," Fiona says. "I haven't been disappointed with the school at any time. Now Katie is in Year Six and about to go to secondary school, I can honestly say that I would recommend the school to anyone. I have only got positive things to say about it."

Settling in

"We weren't at all surprised when Katie was tearful when she first started in the reception class at the age of four, but the staff really cared for her and looked after her and she settled in quickly. She soon loved everything about going to school, particularly playing with other children. I had been hoping she would develop her social skills when she started school and the staff really helped her. She soon became a popular member of the class," Fiona says.

Confidence improved

Katie is now a good all rounder academically. "If she has needed help with anything they have given her one to one attention, or extra tuition in a group, and it has boosted her confidence," Fiona says. "She is a bit nervous about going up to secondary school next year but I have heard from other parents that the children are given excellent preparation by Woodcote for making the move. They also attend events at the secondary school and even go into some classes to see what it is going to be like."

Challenging work

It was a completely different story when Alfie started at Woodcote. Fiona says: "Alfie was already very confident and the teachers quickly recognised his potential and have helped him to succeed. They have pushed him on by giving him hard spellings and challenging Maths problems to do. I am pleased that they recognised his ability right at the start. They picked up that Alfie would get bored if he wasn't challenged, which was exactly right."

Quick progress

Hollie also made a fantastic start at Woodcote. Fiona says: "The staff noticed her strengths straight away. She is naturally very academic and likes to sit and work. She loves her writing and enjoys reading. She brings home two or three books to read a week and is making great progress."

Enjoying activities

"All my three children love sport and there is plenty for them to do before and after school, with football, rugby, athletics and other sports clubs going on. They are always keen to join in activities and come home asking if they can do things they have been told about. Woodcote always make the parents feel welcome and encourage us to go along and support the children at sports events, which is nice for us. The staff really do cater for everyone and I know that they have done everything possible to help my children over the years," Fiona says.

Children say

Katie says: "I love all the sports equipment at Woodcote."

Alfie says: "I love playing football at school."

Hollie says: "I love to write sentences at school."



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