



Rebecca Wilson lives on the outskirts of Ashby de la Zouch with her children, Luca, aged seven, and Lola, aged five

Luca and Lola have been welcomed into the warm friendly environment of Woodcote Primary School



Settling in

Moving to a new school can be difficult, but when Luca went into Year One at Woodcote Primary he settled in straight away. His Mum, Rebecca, was amazed how quickly Luca started to enjoy going to school each day after beginning at Woodcote. "Luca has made really good progress since moving to Woodcote and all the staff have helped him a great deal. I am delighted with how well he has come on," she says.

Building confidence

The family moved to Ashby from the West Midlands just over two years ago to return to the area Rebecca is from originally. "I was anxious about Luca starting at Woodcote at first because he has found life difficult at the schools he has attended in the past, but now I know that I can have complete faith in the school," Rebecca says.

Good support

"Luca has lower field vision loss in both eyes and problems with the whole of one of his eyes that he is currently having treatment for and he has to have one to one support in the classroom," Rebecca explains.

Making friends

But since he started at Woodcote, Luca has really come out of his shell, she says. "His Maths has really improved and his confidence has been boosted amazingly. He has developed good friendships with the other children, which I am delighted about. And it is great to know that I can trust the staff at the school with him. Any problems or difficulties he encounters, I only have to tell them about it and they are straight on to it. They have given me great support."

Kind staff

"Luca has to be careful going up and down steps. If he knows his surroundings he is fine, but he has to be careful if he goes somewhere that is unfamiliar to him. However all the staff are aware of this and look after him well. He loves his teacher this year. She has been absolutely great with him and has always remained mindful of his visual impairment. Since he has been in her class he has made a lot of progress," Rebecca says.

Bright start

Lola started at Woodcote last September. "She had already been to nursery so she was really ready to start school. She is doing extremely well and is above where she should be academically for her age. She absolutely loves going to school every day and misses it if she has to stay away when she is poorly," Rebecca says.

Keen to learn

"She enjoys playing with the other children and learning generally. She particularly loves doing her letters. She enjoys practicing them along with her sounds. At home she will often ask me to write a word out and then she will copy it and she likes tracing round the outlines of words. I am pleased the

school have made her enthusiastic about learning. Lola also loves sticking things and drawing things and so she enjoys doing crafts and making things at school," Rebecca says.

Welcoming atmosphere

"I think the main reason they have both made such a good start at Woodcote is that the staff are all lovely and welcoming. Everyone is very friendly and approachable and I can honestly say I have been given extremely good support. I would recommend Woodcote Primary to any other family," Rebecca says.

Children say

Luca says: "I like going to school each day."

Lola says: "I really enjoy school."



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