



Kerrie Ferguson lives in Leighton Buzzard with her five daughters, Elizabeth, aged 11, Victoria, aged ten, Olivia, aged nine, Scarlett, aged seven, and Kerris, aged five.

The Ferguson girls have all had happy and varied experiences during their time at Leedon Lower School

### Comfortable environment

When the Ferguson family left Leighton Buzzard to go and live in Dunstable the girls missed Leedon Lower School so much they moved back after a year. Their Mum, Kerrie, says: "Elizabeth was in Year Three, Victoria was in Year Two, Olivia was in the reception class and Scarlett was in Little Learners.

They had all missed their school and were thrilled to be able to restart. It showed me how good Leedon is and that when somewhere feels comfortable it's where you want to be."

## Good move

"The staff at Leedon are all so friendly, in some ways it seems more of an extension of our family than a school. It all began when Elizabeth was two and a half and in a playgroup she didn't like. Fortunately I was able to move her to Little Learners at Leedon where she was very happy. She then moved up into the school and was followed by her sisters, who all had a good experience starting school and settling in."

## Happy memories

Elizabeth and Victoria are now at middle school but have wonderful memories of their time at Leedon. Kerrie says: "Elizabeth excelled at her work, had lots of friends and liked all her teachers. She particularly enjoyed being in a production at the school just before she left as she loves performing arts. Victoria also excelled at the school and was happy there."

## Maths and reading

"Olivia, who is in Year Four, really enjoys Maths, it's her favourite subject at the moment. Her reading has improved because one

of the teachers has been doing extra reading with her. I think it was just a confidence thing but the school spotted it and were straight on to it," Kerrie says. "Scarlett is excelling at reading. Although she is in Year Three she is being given Year Five and Year Six keywords and is a free reader."

## Fun with art

Kerris, who is in the reception class, loves arts and crafts. Kerrie says: "She comes home with her school shirt covered in paint because she is so eager to get started she doesn't stop to put an apron on. The school have been giving her extra help with her speech. She was referred for speech therapy when she was in Little Learners and the school have been very supportive to her."

## Individual experiences

"The girls are all different from each other and I am delighted the school have appreciated them as individuals. There is one teacher who has taught the first four but has not had Kerris yet. She is looking forward to being able to say she has taught all the Ferguson girls, but she will find Kerris different again from the others," Kerrie says.

"I couldn't have wished for a better school for my girls. Scarlett took an ornament in she had made at Brownies for show and tell but dropped it in the playground and broke it. One of the dinner ladies took it home and mended it for her, that's how caring they are. The reception ladies are also wonderful. They are the heart of the school and will do anything for you."

## Good education

Kerrie would not hesitate to recommend Leedon to other families. "If you ever have any concerns there is always someone available to talk to. The education the children have received has been fantastic. I have never had any problems with the school in ten years and never heard of any issues from other parents either."

## Children say

**Elizabeth and Victoria say: "We would love to be back at Leedon, we enjoyed it there."**

**Olivia, Scarlett and Kerris say: "We love going to Leedon Lower School."**



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