



Eleanor's parents have been heartened by the support their daughter has been given at Olney Infant Academy

Excellent care

Emma and Simon have always thought Olney was a good school but since Eleanor was diagnosed with a medical condition a few months ago they have been amazed by how much support they have been given. "I can't find the words to fully explain how fantastic the staff have been and what marvellous care she has received," Emma says. "I am particularly amazed by Eleanor's teacher, who has to give her all the care she needs and more."

Emma and Simon live in Olney with their son, Edward, aged ten, and daughter, Eleanor, aged six.

Happily Learning Together

Good listener

"When I go in to tell her things she listens really intently. The school have taken on full responsibility for Eleanor's care during the day and therefore I don't have to worry. The day we told the head teacher, Mr Dunning, of our news, he sent us an email assuring us that he would look after her and he has lived up to his promise," Emma says.

Coping well

Eleanor's condition can be time consuming and they have to ensure she is given the care and treatment required. They cope very well with this on top of all the other work they have to do."

Trained to help

Eleanor's teacher and the teaching assistant in her class have both been trained to care for her. Emma says: "The other day they were both out of school on a trip and so another teaching assistant was trained to do it, but Eleanor was absolutely fine and happy with her. Nothing seems to be too difficult for them. I keep going into the school with different requirements but they are always pleasant and helpful towards me."

Plenty of friends

"Initially, I went into school with Eleanor for the first three weeks, but she made it clear she didn't want me to keep going in with her," Emma says. "With the staff's help she is able to benefit from everything the school has to offer".

Day out

"When Eleanor's class went on a school trip to Coventry recently they said I could go as well if I wanted to but the teacher was happy for me not to go and therefore in the end I took the decision not to. Eleanor was absolutely fine and really enjoyed the day and I was confident that she would be looked after well," Emma says.

Welcoming staff

Edward, who is in Year Five at junior school, had three happy years at the school. Emma says: "All his teachers were fantastic and approachable and took a lot of interest in him. One of the teaching assistants in the Foundation Unit still asks after him. I would wholeheartedly recommend the school to other parents because as well as the caring staff, the school organise plenty of trips and events for the children and the facilities are brilliant."

Children say

Eleanor says: "I like my teachers and am pleased that they all look after me."



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