

Marie Witton lives in Dunstable with her children Harry, nine, in Year 4 and Isabelle, six in Year 1.

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Outstanding support through a difficult time has ensured Marie knows her children **feel safe and secure** at Hadrian Academy

The right balance

Marie and Andy chose Hadrian Academy for their children after hearing lots of positive comments from others. "The school has lots to offer in terms of how they treat children as individuals and with respect. We wanted our children to learn right from wrong but to also have an enjoyable experience whilst learning."

Unique support

Circumstances changed dramatically for the Witton family when Andy was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour and sadly passed away in October 2013. This had a huge impact on them all. "It's been a really difficult time for the whole family. Hadrian Academy has managed to support us all throughout," explains Marie.

"A family support worker was offered to us. She has been really good at keeping in touch with the children at school," explains Marie. "Knowing that she has been there and that

they can talk to her whenever they need to has been so reassuring for me."

A practical and sensitive approach

Other measures offered by Hadrian Academy have ensured educational needs have continued to be met and offered a level of consistency for the children. "The school was incredibly understanding in helping the children complete their homework, which took the pressure off me, but also meant they completed the same work as the other children," says Marie.

Children say

Isabelle says: "I really like the different stories we read and all the things we talk about afterwards. And playtimes are lots of fun!"

Harry says: "I'm a prefect at the moment and I love looking after people and being given jobs to do!"



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