

# All three Nyabowa children made a flying start at St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy

Tsitsi and Emmanuel Nyabowa live in Seven Kings, Ilford with their sons, Tinotenda, 18, and Daniel, 13, and their daughter, Kendra, seven.



## Welcoming and friendly

Tsitsi Nyabowa cannot speak highly enough of St Aidan's. All three of her children have been happy and made a good start to their education at the school. "St Aidan's is a welcoming, friendly place to bring your child to and Kendra is really happy there," she says. "She has settled well in her class now she is in Year Two. It has helped that the friends she had in nursery have all moved up into the same class with her. The school have been very thoughtful keeping them all together."



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Kendra reads and writes well and her teacher says she is very intelligent for her age, says Tsitsi. "She is a confident reader, which means she reads a variety of books. She will also pick up the newspaper when she is at home and ask us lots of questions about the stories in it."

## Out and about

One of Kendra's favourite things is going on trips with the school. "When the class go on excursions in the local area, she can't wait to go," says Tsitsi. "They went to visit a water plant to see how the water is purified and she was really interested in it all. Another time they went to Southend-on-Sea on a coach and went to look at the pier, which she really loved."

## Feeling at home

Tinotenda was the first member of the family to go to St Aidan's. He joined the school in Year Four after the family moved from Walthamstow to Seven Kings. "I remember when I went to meet Mrs Brown, the head teacher, for the first time how welcome she made me feel. I really liked the cosy atmosphere of the school. When it was Daniel's turn to start, he settled in well straight away," Tsitsi says.

## Good grounding

St Aidan's is very good at bringing out the best in children academically. "Tinotenda was given an excellent preparation for secondary school, where he got very good GCSE results. He is now about to take his A Levels and, if he is successful, he will be going to university later this year." Tsitsi said Daniel is also doing well at secondary school, having been helped by the good start he was given at St Aidan's.

## Different faiths

"We are a Catholic family and go to church regularly and so I like the ethics that the school teaches the children," Tsitsi says. "When my first child started at St Aidan's the children were mainly from Catholic families. I have seen a big change as families from different faiths have now joined the school, but they all integrate well. I think it is good for children to learn about different faiths. Kendra particularly enjoys RE. It is nice to see that the parents all get along well, too. We are like one big, happy family."

## Plenty of activities

Tsitsi is pleased that there is a lot for Kendra to do at the school as well as academic work. "She plays the recorder and sings in the choir. She also likes sports and is very competitive. She particularly enjoys PE and running and has now said she wants to take up tennis," says Tsitsi.

## Caring staff

"I would recommend St Aidan's to any parents considering it for their children. The school has a very welcoming, friendly atmosphere. The teachers working in the reception classes are caring towards the young ones. When Kendra started, even though it was years after my two sons had been in reception class, they still remembered everything about our family," Tsitsi says.



## Children say

Kendra says: "I like playing in the playground at St Aidan's and going to help with the nursery children and play with them in their playground."



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