

All four Adamson children have flourished since moving to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Kerrey and Justin Adamson live at Ollerton with their children, Amy, aged 19, Cameron, aged 16, Evan, aged 12, Blake, aged nine, and twins Harry and Jack, aged seven.

Good move

Kerrey and Justin think moving their youngest children to St Joseph's was one of the best decisions they have ever made. "I had heard good things about the school but it was still quite scary taking them away from one school and starting them at another, Kerrey says. "But it was the best thing we could have done. St Joseph's have made all the difference to Evan, Blake and the twins and they have come on in leaps and bounds."



Helpful staff

"We decided to take them away from their previous school as we didn't like the way they were being taught," Kerrey explains. "When Evan joined St Joseph's he was in Year Three and within a week of starting he had been diagnosed with dyslexia, which the other school hadn't picked up on. The staff at St Joseph's were able to help him properly by giving him extra time for his reading, using different books and allowing him to write on a lap top."

Writing success

"By the time he moved to secondary school he had caught up and was well prepared for his new school. Now he is in Year Eight he is exceeding the targets for his age and getting good marks for his work. He has just had a short story published in an anthology, which was chosen from thousands of entries. He has come a long way since being diagnosed with dyslexia and it is all thanks to St Joseph's."

Excellent work

Kerrey says: "Blake was pushed by the teachers when he started in the reception class at St Joseph's because he couldn't read or write his name. He came on really well but they continued to push him to get the best out of him and now his work is excellent. Blake is also more confident and well spoken and has superb manners."

Caring teachers

"When the twins started in the nursery at St Joseph's I was impressed with how organised everything was compared to their previous nursery. The teachers were brilliant with them. They cared for all the children and would give them a cuddle if they were sad for any reason. The transition to the main school was very well managed. They spent days over at the main school to get used to it and were introduced to having school dinners."

Good values

Kerrey says: "Even though we are not a Catholic family we say prayers every day and read the bible. I like the way the Catholic education places the emphasis on good values. The children now have wider vocabularies because of the way they are taught at St Joseph's. They have all become interested in the Catholic religion and enjoy learning about the Catholic faith."

Creative work

"The twins have come on really well with reading and writing and are very polite and well behaved when we take them out. Harry enjoys drawing and the school are encouraging him with his art. Jack likes reading and making things. They all enjoy the after school clubs at St Joseph's. They all do traditional board games and Blake does football while Harry does dance and Jack will do eco club after half term," Kerrey says.

Story time

"I like the way parents are encouraged to participate in the life of the school. I enjoyed taking the children to a parent and child learning project called 'Tales of the Heartwood', when a professional couple came in and told traditional stories from all over the world using dolls and supported with craft activities afterwards. I always recommend it to other families because they are superb story tellers."

Children say

Blake says: "I like to do mental Maths."

Harry says: "I like being with my friends at playtime."

Jack says: "I like to do Mathletics and writing."



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