



Avy and Kulvinder Doal live in Loughton with their children Demica, 12 and Kurran, 11 in Year 7. Kurran is hearing impaired and has cerebral palsy.

Avy is thrilled with the specialist support available at Knightsfield School and believes it meets his son's individual needs perfectly

No other school

For Avy and Kulvinder, as soon as they viewed Knightsfield School they knew immediately that there is no other school like it. "The school was recommended to us by a charity called CICS (Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group). I went to view it and I was immediately smitten by it!" says Avy. "The acoustic environment is fantastic. It's a specialist school with a calming and relaxed environment. The layout, the welcoming feel - it instantly felt like the perfect school for Kurran and Kurran himself said he didn't want to go anywhere else!"



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First class support

Avy and Kulvinder have been incredibly impressed with the kind of support offered by Knightsfield School. "Firstly, we receive excellent transport support from the local authority but the school itself offers amazing specialist speech and language therapy and physiotherapy, which is brilliant for Kurran's needs," explains Avy. "He has walking difficulties but he loves swimming. He's working with a fantastic teaching assistant who is an ex-pupil of the school who is studying for a sports science degree. He is now training Kurran on a one to one basis providing him with an adapted programme of physio and swimming coaching to meet his individual needs; he is a real inspiration for Kurran!"

"We never thought he would receive this level of support; the impact it has all had on Kurran is immense," explains Avy.

Attentive to individual needs

According to Avy, Kurran's enthusiasm for Knightsfield is huge. "He doesn't want to be anywhere else, which we believe says a great deal about the school, the staff and its environment.

"From our perspective, it offers fantastic support which caters for individual needs. Whilst the school is focused on the national curriculum, we've found them very receptive to tailoring homework and lessons to developmental needs rather than chronological age."

Immeasurable confidence

Before joining Knightsfield School, Avy and Kulvinder noticed that Kurran would often stutter in an unfamiliar environment or when learning new things. According to Avy, since joining Knightsfield School his confidence levels have gone through the roof and his stutter has all but disappeared. "He talks very confidently and eloquently now and is using some excellent phrases and descriptive words. The way his confidence has developed is immeasurable."

A calming environment

Avy believes this is largely thanks to the skilled staff and the calm, close-knit community. "The small class sizes have really benefited Kurran with their caring, calming environment. He

can name every teacher and he has made a really great group of close friends. Knightsfield School draws you in; we truly believe it's the perfect school for Kurran."

Positive approach to learning

Whilst there have been significant changes in Kurran's confidence, his proud parents have also seen some very noticeable and positive changes in his approach to learning. "Whilst he travels 35 miles to and from school and does a full day at school, Kurran happily comes home full of enthusiasm to sit down and complete his homework. Knightsfield has filled him with a real desire and motivation to learn."

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Avy adds: "Kurran has progressed in leaps and bounds during the short time he has been at Knightsfield School. We feel it offers a safe, secure and nurturing environment. My faith in this school is unshakeable.

"If you want to put your child's future in the hands of a trusted and proven school which has a specialist slant to it then look no further than Knightsfield."

Children say:

Kurran says: "I love my school a million percent! I love cooking and making things and the swimming is brilliant!"



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