

Marcus has made a bright start and his ability has been quickly recognised by caring staff at Woodstock School

Tazio Sutherland lives with his son, Marcus, aged seven, in Bristol. Education professionals recommended Woodstock School for Marcus after he was diagnosed with ADHD.



Fast progress

Within only a few weeks of attending Woodstock, Marcus began to make progress educationally. His Dad, Tazio, says: "He started in June and did well straight away so they moved him up to another class. They could see his ability and realised he was capable of working at a higher level. I was absolutely delighted that they could see his intelligence and moved him up."

Expert teaching

Marcus's previous primary school couldn't cater for his needs and so he was also attending Tree Tops Kids Company in Bristol to receive extra support, Tazio says. "I am so glad the experts recommended Woodstock School for Marcus as he now finally has teachers who understand his needs. He finds it difficult to keep still in class but the staff at Woodstock know how to deal with him."

Settled happily

Tazio says his own life is much better now Marcus is settled at Woodstock. "I feel reassured that he is receiving all the care he needs. The previous school would call me and ask me to come and get him because they couldn't cope with him. I had to keep leaving work and it was very worrying. It got to the stage where the school summoned me to a meeting and told me that Marcus wouldn't have a school to go to the following week. It was obvious that they didn't want him there."

Capable staff

Tazio says it is a huge relief for him that the staff can all cope with Marcus. "I had become used to getting calls from people asking me to come and pick Marcus up from school. Now I am not worried that people are going to contact me while I am at work and say they are having problems with Marcus and it makes me feel much more comfortable knowing that I will be able to stay at work until it is time to finish and go home."

Kept informed

The staff at Woodstock are good at communicating with parents, Tazio believes. "They keep me informed about Marcus's progress. He brings home a personal diary every day and the staff write in it what he has done that day and how he has got on with things. They are all experts and know how to deal with him."

Lovely gardens

Tazio likes Woodstock's setting and the welcoming atmosphere at the school.

"Woodstock is in a big old Victorian house, which is set in nice grounds with lawns and gardens and plenty of space for the children to play in. It is a lovely environment for the children and the staff are all very approachable and friendly."

Transport provided

The distance from their home is not a problem for the family. "Although we live five miles from Woodstock the council provide transport to take Marcus to and from school. It is a comfort to me to know that he will get to school and get home again safely," Tazio says.

Outdoor play

Marcus enjoys all the outdoor activities that the school provide. "He particularly likes playing football and doing gardening but he is also enjoying the educational side, and is learning to cook and going swimming," Tazio says. "Although it is early days and he hasn't been at the school long, I can already see an improvement in him and in his general behaviour at home. I would definitely recommend the school to other parents."

Children say

Marcus says: "I like going to Woodstock and playing football with my friends."



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