



Boarding at Heathlands School has transformed Justin into a happy, confident boy

Linda Dean lives in Reading with her sons Justin, age nine and Jamie age seven.

Overcoming loneliness and frustration

When Linda's son became isolated and frustrated at his local mainstream school she decided that boarding at Heathlands would provide a perfect solution.

"Some of my friends had attended Heathlands and the school had an excellent reputation. It sounded ideal for Justin. I had boarded at a deaf school myself as a child and knew how beneficial it could be. Justin began boarding in September, and absolutely loves it. In fact he's so happy that I'm sending my other son Jamie there later this year."

Dramatic improvements

Since starting at Heathlands School Justin's life has improved dramatically.

"Because Justin can work and play with deaf children all the time he now feels part of the team," says Linda. "He doesn't have to rely on someone to help him communicate so his signing skills and work have dramatically improved."

"Justin gets involved with so many things now that he is boarding. For example, every Tuesday he goes to Cubs and sometimes they go swimming. It's brilliant to see how much he has changed and how much happier he is."



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