

Pembe and Massimo are glad they made the decision to move their son and daughter to Midfield Primary School



Pembe and Massimo Massaro live in Orpington with their son, Santino, aged nine, and daughter, Dilara, aged six.



Changing school

Pembe remembers how anxious she was about moving her children from their previous school to Midfield a year ago. "We had moved into the area three years before but were still driving them back to their old school. We heard how lovely Midfield was and so when places came up for both of them at the school it made sense to move them. Other schools in this area had been able to offer a place for only one of them and we also realised Midfield ticked all our boxes for what we would expect in a school," she says.

Good reputation

"What I had heard about Midfield really impressed me and I haven't been disappointed since they joined. I like the way Midfield pay a lot of attention to detail, whether it is organising old fashioned play in the playground or allowing the children to take their own water bottle in with their name on. I am reassured that they encourage the children to wash their hands before lunch and that they offer a wide selection of food for the children to choose from," Pembe says.

Settling in

"Naturally, as a parent, you are going to feel anxious about moving them, but Midfield made it easy for them," Pembe says. "From the very first day they have settled in well and I couldn't have asked for more from the school. They have both really come on and improved at everything since they started at Midfield and are really happy there."

Good start

"On the first day my husband took the day off work and we walked to school as a family. Santino was worried he wouldn't know anyone but a little boy came up to him and introduced himself and said he would be Santino's buddy. Then a second one came up and then a third and they all walked into the school together. I could tell Santino was very pleased," Pembe says.

"Dilara was nervous so I went into the classroom with her. She changed her mind and said she would have a packed lunch after all, so I popped back with it later and the teachers were able to tell me she was absolutely fine."

After school activities

"Santino is in Year Four. We have had two parents' evenings and have been told he is doing really well. He is good at English and Maths, but enjoys art as well. Dilara is in Year One. She is very sociable and likes sport and enjoys PE lessons.

"The after school clubs are also very good at Midfield. Each term there is a new selection and the children get the chance to pick one. Santino is now learning Italian, as his father is partly Italian, and Dilara is learning how to decorate sweet treats," Pembe explains.

Caring staff

"I believe that the school is good because of the ethics passed down from the head teacher to the other teachers who then pass them on to the children and their families. We have had no problems at all since the children have started at Midfield and have been really chuffed with everything about the school," Pembe says.

"I would tell parents of prospective pupils that based on our experience, Midfield is a place where your child will grow and develop and the teachers are very caring. My daughter's teacher was new to the school but when we went to parents evening we were impressed with her kindness and attention to detail."



Children say:

Santino says: "I really enjoy school. There is a lot going on at Midfield. I like sport and running and playing in the playground."

Dilara says: "I like all the new friends I have made at Midfield. They have helped me settle in."



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