

Kaye and Ian Boyce live in Kingswinford with their children John-Luke, 16 and Kayleigh, 14 and Daniel, 10.

Kaye believes Crestwood Park Primary School's **positive outlook** and excellent support has **encouraged all** three of her children to excel

All three of Kaye and lan's children have attended Crestwood Park Primary School. Their youngest is currently in Year 5. As their local school, it was the obvious choice for them. "It's been brilliant for all three; they've done incredibly well academically. John-Luke has been accepted into Old Swinford Hospital which is one of the best schools in the region," Says Kaye. "We believe our children have all been stretched and challenged to achieve their potential.

## Recognising individual talents

According to a delighted Kaye, all three of her children were very able learners at Crestwood Park. "Kayleigh, although a confident child sometimes lacked belief in her abilities, but the school encouraged her to push herself to reach her potential by using her talents to excel in all subjects." With this solid foundation from Crestwood Park, both Kayleigh and John-Luke have gone on to excel at their respective secondary schools. "The discipline and moral guidance provided by the staff has helped them develop into mature and well rounded individuals."

#### **Encouraged to reach potential**

Kaye adds: "Daniel has been participating in some maths booster groups for more able children and they've worked well for him. I think the school is very good at recognising individual strengths. Equally, I believe they're very good at nurturing those children who perhaps need some extra support to boost their confidence."

# Feeding back on progress and learning

Kaye and lan have enjoyed the opportunities the school provides for them to go in and see the children's work and their progression. "At the end of each term they have a production for parents, 'the Fabulous Finish', based on the learning theme of the term. The children are divided into grouped areas where they put on a performance or show and tell aspects of the term's theme.

"I think all three of our children have really enjoyed that opportunity to 'perform' and, as a parent, it's wonderful to be invited in and to be involved."

#### **Excellent opportunities**

Both John-Luke and Kayleigh were elected for the school council; Kayleigh played an active role in helping to choose a new teacher for the school. She also interviewed a local MP. "Having the opportunity to ask potential new staff questions and to be involved in their appointment was something Kayleigh really valued. Being a school councillor is an excellent opportunity and a great way of teaching children important life skills for the future. Both John-Luke and Kayleigh really got a lot from the experience."

# Effective problem solving

Kaye also likes the way the school deals with any arising issues between the pupils. "I think the circle time they do within classes is an excellent idea. It's an opportunity for each of the children to get any issues out into the open knowing everything said remains confidential within that circle," explains Kaye. "It's provides an opportunity for the children to vent their feelings and is teaching them to talk about things with others in a safe environment, with a teacher present, and in a way which means any issues or problems can be diffused and everyone can move on. I think it's teaching them really valuable skills for the future in terms of problem solving."

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## No hesitation in recommending

Kaye adds: "Crestwood Park Primary School is an excellent school that we have no hesitation in recommending. It has a very good behaviour policy and a very positive outlook on life. It wants every child to achieve and it teaches them they can be whoever or whatever they want to be! The staff do all they can to ensure that happens."

# **Children say:**

Daniel says: "I love how the lessons are all based around a theme. The teachers make them really fun and interesting."



