

Scholes Village Primary School offers a great education, a nurturing environment and so much more



No better choice

Choosing Scholes Village Primary School was never a difficult decision for Kevin and Clare. Having lived in the village for twelve years they were very aware of its good reputation. They had little hesitation when deciding this was the right school for Daisy. "Daisy had been to the pre-school and really enjoyed it. She made some great friends. As a local school, we had no hesitation in choosing Scholes Village Primary School for her primary education," says Kevin.

Kevin and Clare Gelder live in Scholes Village with their daughter Daisy, nine.

Opportunities and responsibilities

Currently in Year 5 Daisy is, according to her delighted parents, achieving well. "She's really happy and taking full advantage of everything on offer," explains Kevin. "The school has encouraged her to participate in lots of extra curricular activities and they've given her roles with additional responsibility, which she's got a lot from."

Playing to strengths

As a family that's into fitness, Daisy has always been encouraged to lead a fit and healthy lifestyle and the school offers an array of excellent sporting activities. Kevin says, "Daisy took place in a dance festival last week. She's participated in cross-country, netball, cricket, boxercise...you name it! This week she's experiencing a multi-sports activity event which is giving her the chance to try sports she wouldn't normally get to do."

Throughout her time at Scholes Village Primary School, Kevin feels the teachers have developed a good relationship with Daisy and motivated and encouraged her in all her subjects. "The teachers are great at recognising the children's skills and helping to develop those further," says Kevin. "She's very sporty and has been given the chance to expand her skills, she's been chosen to compete in school teams, which she has loved! She's also received lots of encouragement with her maths and reading and these have come on brilliantly."



Life skills

The school also ensures the children are developing important life skills. "Daisy was put forward for, and won, an Enterprise event at the High School! This has given her some great insight into business skills and she really enjoyed the experience," says Kevin.

All children are treated as individuals and encouraged to use their strengths and skills to help others. "Daisy applied to be a befriender. What was great was the application process taught her a lot about the importance of the role. She had to explain why she wanted to do the job - just like applying for a job in real life," explains Kevin. "She's a very caring person and likes bringing people together. Being given the responsibility of being a befriender has taught her the importance of trust and confidentiality and how to resolve things; all really important values and skills for the future."

Approachable and friendly

With Daisy being very content at school, Kevin and Clare have had little reason to consult with the teachers. On the few occasions it has been necessary, they have found the teachers and in particular, the Headteacher, approachable and understanding. The school has created an environment which has helped Daisy feel very secure. "As Daisy is in Year 5 now, we've started to look at where she will move on to for the next stage of her education," explains Kevin. "Daisy has said how much she loves it at Scholes Village Primary School and how she will be very sad to leave. It's a good measure of how much she enjoys it and how happy she is there."

Children say:

Not only are Kevin and Clare delighted with Scholes Village Primary School, Daisy says: "The teachers make it fun to learn things but we still learn amazing facts! There are two fitness trails and a multi use games area outside and we have our own forest school where we can discover nature and build dens!"

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