

Dear Parent

When we moved to Preston from London, we had no idea which the good primary schools in the area were - but as it was part way through an academic year we felt the pressure to find somewhere as quick as we could. As our daughter is adopted we anticipated that moving cities, homes and schools all at the same time might be very challenging for her - so we wanted to find somewhere that would understand her needs and help her to thrive in her new home.

After a few unsuccessful phone calls to schools in the area (where we either didn't get through or just got the 'no spaces' response) we called Barton St Lawrence. Immediately we spoke to a very friendly receptionist who put us straight through the Head who couldn't have been more understanding and helpful. Mrs Goodwin really understood our hopes and concerns for our daughter, and she took the time to listen. Amazingly, a place was available in the year we needed and the school moved quickly to help us settle our daughter into her new class. Even before we moved in to our new home, Mrs Goodwin sent a hand written letter to our daughter, explaining in age appropriate language about the school, the things she would do and learn and how excited they were to meet her. A little girl in her new class sent a letter too. I couldn't believe how much the school did to ensure a smooth transition. This truly is a school community that supports, encourages and cares for each of the children. No one gets lost.

Over the past year we have seen our daughter not only settle in her new school, but grow in confidence and thrive in her love of learning. She's doing so well and we're so grateful that of all the schools that we could have sent her to, she had the chance to come here.

Finding the right school for our children is so important, and something that can keep us awake at night! Barton St Lawrence is a school that has a track record of knowing how to help each and every child connect with their potential, find their passion, embrace their own learning and grow in self-confidence and compassion for others.

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