

What our parents say

My children are very happy. The teachers go above and beyond and we feel its size is a strength and our kids get better learning and emotional development because of it.

Thank you for being such a nurturing school. We love the small, family friendly feel.

The nurturing approach from every member of staff is evident.

My child is thriving at Shipbourne. The development has been amazing.

Shipbourne school is amazing. It has a lovely family feel and my child loves it.

This is a brilliant school for both our children in terms of pastoral care and nurturing their developments, learning etc. It is utterly outstanding in terms of personalised education and learning for them. They feel safe, able to speak up and heard whenever they have an issue.

It has such a family friendly feel because of its size, everyone knows each other.

Nurturing welcoming inclusive environment All staff know children and it feels like a small family community.



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I am so happy we have moved to this school. The children are happier, they love to stay to clubs, the teachers are approachable and listen to views, I love the community get togethers, it's a really social place. The school is supportive of everyone.

The cohesiveness of the school. Whole school trips to the zoo and pantomime. Year groups choosing to mix on the playground at lunch times and break times and friendships that occur across the three classes. The level of parent involvement in school life; invitations to open lessons, parent forums, etc.

To me, Shipbourne school feels quite unique and we feel very fortunate to have received a place here. There is a lovely family feel to the school. We have been quite taken aback by the amount of older children who knew our child's name and the warmth of the staff and other parents.

I feel Shipbourne Primary is quite unique- its small size is a definite positive, as it means every child knows their peers well, and year groups mix during playtime (eg much older buddies play with Reception children). It really feels like a family in that sense and makes the school feel like a genuine community.

Coming from a large school to Shipbourne, we feel that the school feels much more like a little community. A place where everybody is keen to help, support and join in. This includes the children and friendships. One of our worries when we changed school was that our child would struggle to join friendships already made in a small class. But all the children have been so kind and inclusive.

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Having a slightly anxious at times child, the small school suits her perfectly and she feels safe and supported as do we as parents.

The feeling of community, that it's small, a calm environment that has wonderful adaptive staff.

The school has a real community vibe about it. All the children know each other across the years. They all support each other. There are so many more opportunities and trips.

A friendly and approachable headteacher that listens to the children, parents and staff, and strives to meet the needs and expectations of all three.

A very strong teaching staff and also support staff, who clearly are passionate about the school and providing the pupils with learning and enrichment opportunities. The pupils are very happy, and grow into confident, well rounded versions of themselves who are keen to continuing learning outside of lesson time.

In all honesty I think the school's biggest strength is its staff and the sense of community. We also feel the school's small class sizes benefit the children's learning greatly and we like the idea of our son feeling part of the wider school community.

It's head teacher, it's teachers. Parents feel listened to and children are at the heart of learning and school life - through the school council, or taking on other responsibilities such as looking out for younger kids through the buddy system, being Guinea pig monitors... all these things build the children's confidence and pride in being part of something communal.