

My son is now in year three at Leybourne Chase, and has been here since reception class. So we are now entering our fourth year at Leybourne Chase.

When viewing schools, there are so many things we are looking for in a school to provide for our child. Fundamentally, we want our child to feel happy and safe, as well as the school providing a high level of teaching, but also to provide a variety of experiences for children.

At Leybourne Chase there are always new and exciting experiences for the children: anything from opportunities to go horse riding, cycling, sporting tournaments, drama productions, specialist art workshops and many more. I have witnessed numerous times that Leybourne Chase is constantly inventing and re-inventing itself. There is no "if it isn't broken don't fix it" attitude. The team are always looking for new and exciting things to introduce and teach the children. As a parent I feel totally assured that this excellent team of teachers and TAs never rest on their laurels. What I have found here is dedication, drive, hard work and sheer passion for teaching.

As a parent, I also feel my voice is heard and any pledges that are made by the school to the parents are carried out. They not only listen but it is a team that takes action.

Most importantly, for me as a parent, is that my son Jack is thriving and he is very happy. As a parent, a school that supports your child academically is important, but a school that cares for your child's wellbeing and emotional development is vital - and this school does both in abundance. Children learn best when they are relaxed and happy and the staff at Leybourne Chase always endeavour to create a safe and happy teaching environment.

I wholeheartedly support this school which I believe will become the most sought after school in the not too distant future.

I hope that by reading this from a parent's perspective has helped and I wish you all the very best in viewing and selecting schools.

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