



In February 2022 We asked parents to send the school a postcard telling us about the impact the work of the school was having on their child or young person.

Here are the postcards

Dear Oak View Staff

Just to let you know my son has been eating a wider variety of foods and enjoying his meals. I put this down to all the work around “taste of the day” which has made my son more willing to try new food!

Thanks!

My son is able to follow instructions and requests and he is also able to sit and listen to stories. He also enjoys working now.
Thank you

I am so lucky I am able to do Hydro at school as this is probably the one and only time my muscles get to relax due to my cerebral palsy.

I love to kick my legs and splash in the water.

Thank you

We have seen a significant improvement in our son's behaviour in public. He is far more regulated in supermarkets and walks sensibly and calmly in the High Street. I no longer worry about him running off or having meltdowns.

He enjoys pushing the trolley in Waitrose, finding things on our list and using the scanner. He also is now able to use the underground without getting anxious. Although he doesn't do this at school, I'm sure the regulation has come from his exposure to trips out and about.

Thank you!

Our son has really benefitted from his time at Oak View. Attention Autism has helped his concentration levels. Pat Dogs coming into school has helped him in taking responsibility and brought out his caring side in bucket loads!!!

"Oi Oi"

"Shenanigans"

"Ta-da"

"au revoir"

"What a shame"

"Marvellous"

"Get out of my school and into that car"

Just some of the catchphrases our son has learnt and made for people at Oak View in order to build meaningful relationships with his peers and teacher. Genuine love and affection is built into every word.

Since starting Oak View 8 years ago our daughter has done amazing. She wasn't able to sit at a table or in a group at all and now she can go out for meals and sit nicely at the table, sit and do activities etc. She can also now walk independently to class each day when she gets to school.

Our son has learnt to draw, write and be very creative.

Hi

One thing I am amazed by is talking. My son can make a proper sentence, can ask a proper question. So BRAVO to the teachers.

My son has learnt to hold his own bag. He has become much more relaxed at home after school. He seems very happy since being at the school. He makes mess of puzzles and now tidies them up himself.

Our daughter has made fantastic progress at Oak View School. It is an amazing school that has allowed her to gain many skills – one being independence. She now uses the toilet independently and outside her home. She has managed to make friends and socialises much more now. We are very thankful for the constant dedication and support from all the staff at Oak View.

Our son's Learning Pathway has made a huge & positive difference

- Creating opportunities for communication
- Providing a sensory diet timetable has helped him remain calm and focussed.
- Exploring and understanding the world; Shopping, trips to the forest, day to day living and choosing/ collecting school dinners
- Encouraging independence: washing hands, visiting the toilet, and being responsible for his property (shoes, clothes, bag)

He has become more confident, aware and focussed and we can see improvements in his reading, writing and communication. Oak View has provided an amazing environment for him to learn, thrive and enjoy his school life. Thank you Oak View.

My son has settled in very well. His teachers have supported him - He is speaking - He is able to explain simple tasks. He is extremely happy.

Oak View is the best thing that has happened for my special boy.

The Admin team, Head Teacher, Nurse, Deputy are so hands on. We haven't got enough paper here. So amazing, amazing

Since attending Oak View School, my daughter's fine motor skills have improved e.g. she is trying to do and undo her buttons more on her own. She wants to be more independent e.g. washing dishes.

She appears more happy and confident and I know that Oak View has been a great factor in this.

Thank you all!

I was asked to write this card by the school to let them know about the impact of the school on my son.

Frankly, this postcard is far too small to list all the achievements and support from school in collaboration with home that has got him to where he is.

When he started at the school he was non-verbal, had very little ability to attend, was on his own agenda and was not fully toilet trained when away from home. School was incredibly supportive to me when I asked for help with this. Within 6 weeks he was toilet trained, as he was at home.

By the end of his second year at school his speech began to really emerge and again he could not have got there without all the support and advice from the school.

Today he has an age appropriate ability to read (if not understand), amazing ability to spell, age appropriate maths skills, he can wizz around a coding app just on verbal instructions and he plays lots of turn-taking games. I cannot stress how important school is to him.

My son has developed so far since joining Oak View. His speech has improved greatly. His awareness of the world too. The biggest difference is his social skills, he really didn't have any interest in other kids before. He now refers to the kids in his class as "his friends" and enjoys playing with them. They are all his "best friends" apparently!

He also has more road safety awareness which makes life a lot easier outside. It's brilliant! We love Oak View!

A Big Thank You to all of you for a wonderful observation in my own perception.

To the members of Oak View staff headed by Tina Kearney, for your time and effort in helping the special child needs even though this school is not in academic system but it's a lot of help to their individual differences of the whole student body and to their awareness.

- Understanding*
- Thoughtfulness*
- Perseverance*

These 3 magic words that I wrote this is what I've seen in my son.

Since our son started Oak View school we have noticed an improvement in his general behaviour and his reading and writing have come on immensely.

Dear Oak View

Thank you so much - I can now get dressed and make toast and jam!!! And swim and ride a trike.

A huge Achievement.

Since our son started Oak View he has come on leaps and bounds. His speech, he's socialising more, he enjoyed and learned how to swim and horse ride, he writes and spells excellently. He has really thrived at this school.

With school and home working together our child is now able to use a fork to eat his food. He is also engaging better. He has also started to play more and more using a scooter.

Our son is talking much more at home and is feeling less anxious at school which is great. He really likes his new class and smiles when talking about friends in his class.

Our son is progressing so well!

He loves school and has been transitioning much better at school and also at home.

He's trying new foods at school (which is amazing)

He is really trying hard to communicate.

He has been signing and saying "Thank you", "Hello" and "Bye Bye". He has also made sign and said "Sorry" and

has been attempting to say "Mum"

He is doing amazing with his swimming.