

Temi wanted her children's school to reflect her own Christian belief and at St Luke's she has found exactly what she was looking for



Temi Omotade lives in Newham with her three children. Simisola is 14, Mudia, eight and Ehije, six.

A point of principle

Whilst Temi was broadly happy with the standard of education her two sons were receiving at their previous school, one thing which concerned her was the fact that it was not the Faith school environment which she preferred they should have. As a committed Christian, Temi felt that St Luke's could offer her children an appropriate religious backdrop to their overall learning and as soon as places became available she moved them there.



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"Having visited St Luke's to get a feeling for their approach I was convinced that this was what I was looking for," Temi explains. "The school, as am I, is accepting and considerate of all Faiths and is non-exclusive so is open to families of all religions; however, it is run on Christian principles and the understanding that Christianity is at the heart of its offer."

Respect for others

Regular assemblies are held where parents are welcome to join in and these, again, celebrate Christianity through hymns and readings from the Bible. "Many school assemblies are secular or may focus on different faiths and although I strongly feel that all children should learn about other beliefs and cultures, this should be as part of the general curriculum. At St Luke's, the children are taught about many other religions as part of their RE studies and that they should respect other people's views; this in itself is a reflection of Christian principles."



A good way to live life

Temi believes that whether or not people are practising Christians, the ethos which underpins the Faith is one of tolerance, acceptance and respect. "Any society needs to have certain rules under which to operate if it is to be successful and what we are taught in the Bible is that we should be loving and caring. I have been struck by how this comes over in the atmosphere of St Luke's where the teachers, other parents and the children are respectful and kind to each other, considerate and approachable. Bad manners are not tolerated and the children respond well to the boundaries they are given."

Pushing for success

Even though Temi had had no particular worries about Mudia or Ehije's academic performance, she has been very pleased with their progress since joining St Luke's last year. "They have both come on really well despite taking on new subjects at the school," she says. "They feel that they are having to work harder than before, but then any child would be happy to take things a bit easy! I like the fact that they are being given an extra push, and that the standards are set high in terms of both educational achievement and behaviour."

Children say:

This small and friendly school has convinced Temi that she made the right decision to move the boys and she has no regrets. "St Luke's combines everything I wanted for my children so I am happy, and even though Mudia initially missed his friends from his last school both he and Ehije are making new ones without any difficulties. This is how they feel about things now."

Ehije says: I feel good at St Luke and I like Maths and Literacy. I also feel safe and I like my classmates.

Mudia says: Since I have been at St Luke I enjoy playing with my friends, doing PE and I like my teacher Mr Jennings!



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