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Dear Mr Sibson

I did mention to you in person that I have been meaning to write to say formally how delighted we are with the school. With a daughter in each part, nursery, Haybrook and Travancore, we have been impressed with every aspect of the school. All three of our children have settled in well and we have immediately felt part of the school community. The staff are all hugely professional and efficient, whilst maintaining a warmth and enthusiasm that make the school feel so welcoming.

Mrs Pilgrim is the kind of teacher you dream of having and Miss Turner is proving to be just as brilliant. ***** is obviously very happy at school and both teachers have engaged with her and really encouraged her so much. The small class sizes mean that even less confident children are given the chance to be heard and ***** has come on leaps and bounds in the past year.

Mrs Hesketh was superb for ***** last year - she really seemed to 'get her' and ***** gained in confidence so much. Mrs Martin this year is also brilliant and Year 4 has been a really positive step up for ***** so far. I really enjoyed meeting more of her teachers at the informal parents and staff evening a few weeks ago and again was really impressed with their professionalism. There doesn't seem to be a single weak area with all of her subjects taught by teachers who showed a real commitment and enthusiasm. Mrs Francis is wonderful - the energy and commitment she brings to events like the Harvest assembly play, Last Choir Standing and the music evening in the summer term are quite staggering. We love the fact that it is so inclusive and every child plays a part and we feel really lucky to have found a school where music and performance are given such a prominent role. The same inclusiveness in the sports teams is also lovely to see. ***** has really thrived in such an encouraging environment and obviously really enjoys being part of a team.

And Little Saints is fantastic! As I may have told you, I was Chair of a local Pre-School for three years so I am familiar with the complexities of running a pre-school setting. Antonia Mahon manages it with such good grace and charm, whilst delivering first rate care for all the children. When I raised a couple of concerns at the beginning of this term she dealt with them immediately and with absolutely efficiency. It was incredible comforting to know that she is so in touch with every aspect of the nursery. And I really think the staff she has gathered there are fantastic. **** absolutely loves Acorns Room Leader, Jon Murphy and we are thrilled that she has such an enthusiastic man in her life! Tash and Helen in her Little Oaks room are lovely and warm and seem to strike the right balance between preparation for school and awareness that this is their last year as little people having fun!

Best Wishes