

## Letter from a current Clarity parent to a prospective parent thinking about coming to Clarity Independent School

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Dear parent,

It was a really anxious time when we were looking to make the leap to a specialist school for [name]. [name] could not cope at mainstream school. It has been a journey of 7 school years and 3 schools, all of which was so stressful for [name] with many absences due to overwhelm, many periods of part time schooling, and sometimes no school attendance at all while he struggled through the mainstream system. He needed a small, calm, and supportive environment that would accommodate his needs academically, socially, and emotionally.

Looking at different schools is a really stressful time, especially when the stakes are so high with a child in need of significant help and immediate support. When we looked around The Clarity Independent School we felt immediately reassured by all the staff and their nurturing approach which created a very warm and calm environment. When we met Debbie Hanson, Richard Clow and the teachers we spoke of [name]'s needs and high levels of anxiety caused by not coping in previous schools. We were listened to and understood in a way that we never had been before because they really did understand [name]'s needs. It became immediately clear that the 1:1 TA support and very small classrooms would enable [name] to receive the individualised support that he needed to get back on his feet.

The recent Ofsted report does not reflect the level of organisation, support and care that [name] receives. Within less than 2 terms our child has left behind all of his fears about being at school. He has built a great relationship with his teachers and peers. He feels very safe and is really enjoying learning and spending social time with his peers. [name] did not manage to enjoy school or school social time at all before this so it is a huge transformation for him. He now really looks forward to going to school every day which is a first ever!

[name] is really looking forward to his transport to start. He really likes the fact that it will be the same every day and that he can go to and from school and not have to worry about his brother or anything else disrupting his routine in the mornings.

Academically [name] has always had a goal to achieve a degree and then PHD in science and he now has the chance to achieve this. We are incredibly grateful to all the staff at the Clarity School for providing [name] and our family the understanding and support that we desperately needed.

Kindest regards

Mum of [name] son age 12