

My son joined Dial Park in Reception class and due to some additional needs required support in order to really engage with school life.

My son was adopted from Local Authority Care and due to early childhood trauma he can struggle in busy environments and has some developmental delays and behavioural challenges.

The Dial Park team were welcoming and accommodating from our very first visit, they listened to both myself and my son about what made him feel safe, what triggers him and what behaviour strategies worked for him.

Communication has been key and has included everything from daily catch ups to formal reviews. School have continuously reviewed and amended support over the years for my son as he grows and develops. The whole school team get involved and everyone knows him and he them!

As a parent to a child with additional needs finding the right school can feel incredibly daunting, but Dial Park have been unbelievably supportive and have very much taken a team stance with myself and my son. School have engaged with other specialists who work with our family and have integrated this wider support into my son's daily support plan from meeting with his therapists and social workers to supporting his many medical and therapeutic appointments.

My son has thrived during his time at Dial Park and this is very much down to the Dial Park team and their supportive and adaptive approach. Whilst the school environment will always be a challenge for him my son can't wait to go in each day and see his teachers and friends and he continues to make excellent progress both academically and socially each year which is testament to all the support he receives.