



Dear Year Two Children,

My name is Finlay and I am the year three representative from the Junior Leadership Team (this is a bit like a School Councillor). I am writing to you to tell you that Southdale is a really great place. If you are feeling scared or nervous about moving schools there is no need to be. I felt a bit nervous about leaving South Ossett, but I soon realised that everyone at Southdale is very kind and helps us to learn a lot. In my class there are my old friends from South Ossett and some new friends from Dimple Well.

At Southdale, we follow the Christian values such as friendship, trust, creativity, thankfulness, truthfulness and many more. Each half term we have one Christian value that we focus on especially in our assemblies and R.E work. At Southdale, we try to shine like a star. If you work hard and follow our Christian values then you get a shining like a star certificate. When I got mine, I felt so proud of myself.

Mrs Partington is our Headteacher. She expects us all to be shining like a star and is a very nice lady. She is always proud of us because we try hard. My teacher is Ms Stott and she will be the teacher for some of you. She is very nice and she works hard to make sure we learn and enjoy being at school. She likes to hear about good, fun things that I do at home, she is extremely interested in nature and teaches us Outdoor Learning. The other year three teachers are Mrs Garnett and Mrs Helliwell. They are very kind too.

In Outdoor Learning we go to Springmill and learn about creating shelters, nature, building fires, working as a team and being a good listener. In cooking lessons, we learn how to cook yummy things such as soup, stuffed peppers and twice baked potatoes. There are lots of after-school clubs for you to join too such as football, guitar, bird watching, cooking, cross country and many more. These are fun and you make new friends at them.

To help you settle at your new school you get a year 6 buddy. Mine is called William and he always says hello to me and makes me feel welcome. If you need any help when you come to Southdale, you can just ask one of the older children. I hope that you can come and visit Southdale before you start in September, but if not then I know you will have a great time when you are in year three. I am very proud of our school, it is super.

Yours sincerely,
Finlay O'Connor

