

When our family was moving to Chandigarh from Bangalore, a suitable school for our sons, Gautam aged 8 and Siddharth aged 10, was uppermost in our minds. It was the first time that we were going to live in the northern part of India, which is culturally quite different from the South. So we were worried about how the children would cope in a school that we expected would have a different environment. We were also looking for a school where the boys would be able to learn without the excessive pressure that schooling often brings with it.

### **First Impressions**

The school looked very much like the school that our boys went to in Bangalore. We were treated courteously by the staff. The admission process was simple and straightforward without any stressful interviews. The fees were reasonable by Bangalore standards. We were also pleasantly surprised by the small class sizes and the presence of a few Korean Children. Surely if they were able to get along here, our boys would not find it too hard.

### **The first few weeks**

As the boys had joined almost a month after the academic year had started, there was a lot of catching up to do. The teachers were very considerate and did not put any undue pressure to catch up quickly. They gave enough time to our children to catch up with the backlog. Siddharth's teacher saw that he was a bit

lonely in the class and tried to make him feel more at home by talking about books and things that he was interested in.

### Academic rigour

The British school lays a good amount of emphasis on academic rigour. Practice makes perfect seems to be the motto of the teachers here. There was a reasonable amount of homework to be done everyday so that the day's lessons were firmly embedded in the children's mind. There were also several projects that were part of the curriculum. The schedule for each term was clearly laid out so that we knew which project was due on which date. This helped us prepare well in advance.

Overall we are happy that we chose The British School for the children. They enjoyed the one year that was spent in the school, before we moved to Mumbai.

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