**Parental Comments for the Website**

Nursery

* The teachers are amazing and supportive, nothing is ever too much trouble. A friendly and safe school.
* My daughter started nursery in September 2020, since starting her confidence has come on leaps and bounds. With the help of the nursery colleagues, her reading, writing and communication has greatly improved. She adores the head of nursery, Miss Peake, whom I have found to be a very friendly, helpful and supportive teacher. The year has been a brilliant and positive first step on her learning road of education.

Reception

* My daughter started at Smallthorne Primary Academy in September 2020 after not getting into our chosen school. She settled in from day 1 loving every aspect of school life, made new friends and loves going to school. With the help of Mr Jones and Mrs Barlow, she has gained confidence and works well, these teachers are amazing as well as every member of staff my daughter has come into contact with. We truly recommend Smallthorne Primary Academy for any future pupils.
* Excellent school, never had any problems. All teachers are lovely and put the children’s best interests first.

Year 1

* My child always enjoys going to school and the behaviour system really rewards those children trying their best each day. I feel my son’s current teacher knows the level is son is working at well and helps to stretch him where needed.
* I would like to show my appreciation to the teachers and teaching assistants who have taught my son, and helped him become a much more confident child, achieving within his areas of learning and making him a confident reader and writer. It gives me an immense sense of happiness to hear my son talk with such excitement about his class and the day of learning he has had such as waiting for the dinosaur egg to hatch in his class.

Year 2

* Smallthorne is a good school and my children are happy to come to school every day to see their teachers and friends.
* A big thank you for all the Teachers and support staff for doing a fantastic job by encouraging and supporting our daughter in her studies and personal development. The effort put by the team is visible in our child’s confidence and personality.

Year 3

* Smallthorne Primary is much more than a school! Due to the hard work, dedication and commitment given to each and every child from all staff, Smallthorne is an extended family to my daughter. It’s overwhelming to see the continued growth in her over the years. I feel this is due to her having quality teaching, support, guidance and a wonderful safe, nurturing environment around her.
* Our daughter began her school life at Smallthorne in Nursery, and now in Year 3, she has flourished into a bright and caring young lady. We continue to be amazed by her subject knowledge and loves to teach us some interesting facts that she has learnt at school! Nothing is ever too much trouble for the staff, and we cannot thank them enough for providing a safe, happy, nurturing, and warm environment for my daughter and all the children each day.

Year 5

* Every member of staff in the school treats each child with love and care. The school nurtures the children, encourages them and helps them daily to strive to better themselves. The teacher’s passion for learning shines through to the children and it shows when the children smile in and out of the school gates. The school has hit a few obstacles over the last few years, but the care and loving nature of the school hasn’t changed. The children’s best interests have always been kept close to the school’s hearts.

Year 6

* I have 2 children at Smallthorne Primary Academy, both of whom have quite different interests and personalities, as well as one of my sons having a serious medical condition. As a parent, I am reassured to know that the teachers and staff in school not only educate my boys, but take the time to care for and nurture them also. Providing support and monitoring of the signs and symptoms of my youngest son’s condition. To myself this has been invaluable from nursery to present year5.

One of the strengths of Smallthorne lies in its small size, which allows the children to be individually known, valued and involved regularly in representative sport, concerts and competitions, boosting self-confidence and giving exposure to new experiences. I have first-hand experience of teachers going above and beyond to engage my son, in year 5, in an Art project, tapping into his love for art. Smallthorne have also provided the skills and opportunities for my other son, in year 6, to achieve in his interest and talent in sport.

The staff are dedicated and extremely approachable.

My children have flourished under the guidance of Smallthorne. They have grown into polite, well-mannered and grounded boys that make me proud every day. Thanks to Smallthorne they now have a wonderful solid foundation with which to embrace the next step in education when moving on to high school.