

Excerpts from some of the many cards we received in September 2020 from parents whose children were leaving us for school.

We can still remember meeting you the first time as you showed us round, pregnant with Jasmine. Now here we are more than 6 years later after two children have grown from babies to schoolchildren with you. We could not be more grateful for you and Lakehouse. Your daily anecdotes when they were in Ladybirds were wonderful and you know them both inside out. The foundation they both had with you has helped them become the children they are and we have been so grateful for the expectations, attitudes behaviours and most of all fun that you have instilled in them.

Thank you ever so much for all the love and care for Eleanor you have shown over the last few years. She has had the best time at nursery and that is thanks to you and your hard work. It's been a relief knowing she is safe and more than happy in your care, especially when she was a baby and more recently when she broke her arm and on return after lockdown. Lake House feels like a family to us and it's you the staff that make it that way – thank you! I'm so pleased Isabelle still has a couple of years left with you. Thank you for everything, you've all helped to make Eleanor how she is today.

Thank you so much for looking after Archie for the last 4 years. We are very sad to be leaving nursery behind, but you have prepared him so well for school.

We wanted to thank each and every one of you for helping to look after Zachery during his time at nursery. Thanks to you, he leaves a confident boy who loves to learn and try new things. He will miss you all.

Thank you to everyone, you have all made an impact in Catherine's education one way or another.

I can't believe the time has gone for Amos to leave nursery! I still remember the day you showed me round with the baby in our arms. Your love of children and enthusiasm for their learning and development was clear. Amos has absolutely flourished during his time with you. Through your fantastic forest walks, beautiful story stones and endless patience about his eating, he has become a confident, brave and caring little boy.