

TRANSCRIPT: Julie, Lia's mum

Relationship with the school

It was one of the most difficult things I ever did was hand Lia over, 'cause you grow up with her, doing everything for her and just to hand her then over to a stranger, it's one of the most difficult things. At first, I stayed with the teachers for quite a few weeks until I felt comfortable leaving Lia with them.

Luckily enough with this school, the teachers have really got to know her well, and I feel we have such a good relationship that they can ring me about anything and I can ring them about anything. We talk on the 'phone a lot. I do feel comfortable enough to come in and we can talk. I have a lot of trust in the class teachers. Lia also has a big folder and I can write down her likes, her dislikes and any sort of personal care that she has. Everything's written down in that folder that I think people should know.

Lia always comes back from school, very clean, very neat, is always sat in her wheelchair properly, because if she's just put in her wheelchair without thinking about it, her hips can be painful to her. She needs to be sat properly in a wheelchair, which the classroom always makes sure she is.