

Adra, Ahnaf and Ahiyan have enjoyed learning about all religions while attending Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

Saidul and Ishrat live in Sidcup with their children, Adra, aged 15, Ahnaf, aged 13, and Ahiyan, aged 8.

High praise

Saidul and Ishrat are very happy with the way the friendly staff at Our Lady of the Rosary have looked after their three children. Saidul says: "We think it is an outstanding school and we are pleased that the teachers listen carefully to all the children and their parents."

Good transition

After the family moved from East London to Sidcup they were grateful the staff took care of Adra and Ahnaf and made sure they settled in well. Ishrat says: "When Adra started in Year 6, her teacher was very kind and made her feel comfortable. Adra was happy during her short time at the school and the staff still ask how she is getting on at grammar school."

Helpful teachers

When Ahnaf started in Year 3 at Our Lady of the Rosary he was very excited and enjoyed playing with the other children and doing all the activities. "All the teachers were kind and helped him prepare for the 11 plus and now he is doing well at grammar school," Ishrat says.

Quick intervention

Their youngest child, Ahiyan, is now eight and is enjoying himself in Year 3. Ishrat says: "When he joined the nursery he was apprehensive at first, but his teacher was very friendly and when I went to pick him up he was smiling. He was quiet and shy during Reception. He didn't speak much and they helped him by arranging speech therapy to take place at the school. He started to improve quickly and at the end of the year, he won a competition and received a prize."

Reading success

In Year 2, Ahiyan became a free reader and is now doing very well educationally. "He is good at English and Maths. He brings home a book to read every day and a notebook to make notes in for the school. He is given a lot of encouragement by his teachers," Ishrat says.

Praying together

Saidul likes the way the staff teach the children about all religions and take the children to visit churches, temples and mosques. He says: "We are a Moslem family and it is important to us that when we celebrate Eid they allow our children to celebrate when the school say their prayers during the day, our children are able to say their prayers at the same time, in their own way."

Understanding school

He is pleased the school are always very accommodating with them in emergencies. "If something happens in our families they will be very understanding," Saidul says.

Fairness for all

"We feel totally relaxed while our children are at school knowing they are being well looked after. If there are disputes between children, we know the staff will be fair towards all the children. If a child falls in the playground, the parents are informed straight away," Saidul says. "I like the way the children receive praise from the staff for good work because this encourages them to try hard."

Good standards

Ishrat likes the rules about uniform standards and thinks it is important that they are followed. "I am so enthusiastic about the school I have recommended it to three of my friends," she says.

Children say

Ahiyan says: "I like Our Lady of the Rosary because I have friends that play with me every single day and I also experiences lots of different things in Maths, Science, English and PE."