

# Normaan and Payman are both making excellent progress in the friendly environment of Broom Valley Community School



Mirwali and Ferishta live in Moorgate in Rotherham with their daughter, Sarl, aged 11, and sons, Normaan, aged 9, and Payman, aged 6.

## Confident in English

Mirwali and Ferishta are thrilled with the achievements being made by Normaan and Payman at Broom Valley Community School, thanks to the dedicated support they have had from the caring staff. Mirwali says: "They are both flourishing at Broom Valley now, Normaan is in Year 5 and Payman is in Year 2. Although their home family language is Pashto, they have both now learnt to speak English with great confidence."

## Happy at school

Mirwali says they chose Broom Valley for their oldest daughter, Sarl, who is now in Year 8 at secondary school. "It was the nearest school to where we lived at the time. She was very happy at the school and she did well there, so we knew it would be the right choice for Payman and Normaan as well. They both settled in happily after they joined Broom Valley and are enjoying being at the school now. Payman missed his mother to begin with after he started in Foundation 2, but he soon began to feel happy and comfortable with the staff who were looking after him."

### Enjoying reading

Payman now enjoys all aspects of daily life at the school and particularly likes learning phonics and reading, Mirwali says. "He is now able to communicate well with his English- speaking classmates and he is enjoying all aspects of the curriculum. Payman loves everything about Broom Valley and he is so keen to learn that he can't wait to get there in the mornings."

### Working together at Team BVCS

Mirwali and Ferishta also like everything about the school. "We know that the staff care about the children and we are pleased that there is always good communication between the teachers and parents. The staff are always very understanding with us and we are grateful that we can have regular meetings with them. We appreciate the way the staff work with us as a team so that we can all do whatever we need to do to help the children succeed at school," Mirwali says.

### Morning countdown

Payman is making such good progress with his reading that he likes to read road signs and notices while he is being driven to school in the mornings and he has made it clear to his father that he never wants to be late for school. Mirwali says: "When he is standing outside the school gates first thing in the morning, he will count down to the time that they will be opened because he is so keen to get inside."

### Enthusiastic about homework

Payman is very good at Maths and reading and he has such a good grasp of the language now that he can write a full page in English and it will all be correctly spelt and with the right punctuation. "He has made excellent progress since he started in Year 1. He is always willing to do his homework and even if I ask him to do it five times over to make sure he has understood everything, he doesn't mind, because he is so enthusiastic about learning. He is always more than happy to sit and do it," Mirwali says.

### Growing confidence

"Payman now has a lot more confidence than he had when he first started at Broom Valley and he has really come out of his shell. He has made a lot of friends at the school and will talk happily to us about his friends when he comes home. We couldn't be happier with the school and with what the staff at Broom Valley have done for our children."

### Children say

Payman says: I love that i get to learn new things every day. Coming to Broom makes me more clever so I can be anything I want to be

Nomaan: I am so proud when I get to represent my school. I got chosen for the cricket team.



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