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Noreen and Khawer live in Slough with their son, Ayaan, who is 14.

Enjoying learning

Noreen and Khawer are pleased their son, Ayaan, is thriving in Year 9 at Grove Academy and that the staff are motivating him to work hard and succeed with his studies. Noreen says: "Ayaan likes all his subjects but particularly enjoys English. He loves writing short stories and poems and two of his stories have been published in a young writers' story book."

Keen student

"We would certainly recommend Grove Academy to other families looking for a good primary and secondary school in this area. We are satisfied that it was a good decision to send Ayaan there. After three years at the school, Ayaan is still very happy at Grove Academy and keen to go to school each day. He is progressing well and being helped by the teachers to achieve his full potential academically."

Children say

Ayaan says: "Grove Academy is a great place to attain knowledge and gain motivation. The staff and Safeguarding Team do a fantastic job of keeping my friends and I safe,

and I feel comfortable around the school. The Grove 5 (Knowledge Retrievers, Quality Talkers, Active Learners, Critical Connectors and Relentless Readers) give us a foundation to the school's standards and expectations, and guidelines to follow towards success. There are what seem to be endless opportunities, and extracurricular activities, to participate in, some of my favourites being Music, Drama, and Writing, allowing for a more fruitful and enjoyable time. With the help and reassurance of my parents, friends, staff, and teachers, I am certain my time at Grove Academy will be joyous, purposeful, and supportive for my future and my aspirations when I leave. I am satisfied and happy at Grove and proud to be a part of it.

Good communication

Noreen likes the way the school keep the parents informed about their children's progress. She says: "Grove Academy send regular newsletters and there is also a ClassCharts that you can look at where they put on details about homework and other information. We are always made to feel welcome at the school when we go in for meetings with the teachers."

Friendly community

Noreen is pleased that Grove Academy is a diverse community where all students get on together well, and parents find that they also get on well with the other parents whenever they go to the school for events.

Talent recognised

"Even though it seemed a big school to Ayaan after the primary school he had attended, he settled in well at Grove Academy when he started in Year 7," Noreen says. "He liked the school and got on well with all his teachers and he is always happy to go there every day. He won a trophy for a poem he wrote in Grove's Got Talent in his first year."

New friends

Ayaan plays the piano and guitar and also won a trophy for his music band in Grove's Got Talent two years later, Noreen says. "He likes all the subjects, but English and Music are his two favourite classes. Ayaan now has a good circle of friends. All the children came from different primary schools, but have mixed well since they started at the school."