

# A **great education** and a **nurturing environment** - Amena and Mohammed Miah couldn't ask for more than they have found at Burnley Brow Community School



Amena Begum and Mohammed Miah live in Oldham with their children, Aktana seven in Year three, Mohammed Akib, six, in Year 2 and Afsana, three, in nursery.

When it came to choosing a school for their children, Burnley Brow Community School was top choice for Amena and Mohammed Miah. Amena and her siblings attended school locally, so Amena was very aware of the good reputation it had

## **An easy transition**

Amena has found that all three of her children have managed the transition from home life to school life with ease. "It took Aktana maybe a week to feel comfortable going into school, Akib two days and Afsana was perfectly happy at nursery by her second day there," says Amena. "The teachers at Burnley Brow are all so polite and friendly that I'm sure this helped them to settle so quickly."



## Safe and happy environment

One of the strengths of the school for Amena is the knowledge that her children feel happy and safe. "Aktana has been attending the school for five years now and I've never once heard her complain of any negative behaviour directed towards her from other children. As a parent, it's very reassuring to know that the school has an effective behaviour policy in place and that my children are content there."

## Rewarding for good behaviour

Knowing her children are rewarded for behaving well and for working hard is another positive for Amena. "I really like how the children's achievements are recognised. I think it's really important for their self-esteem and for helping their confidence to grow. Akib was thrilled when he received a 'Star of the Week' certificate for listening and behaving well in class," says Amena. "They've all come home with stickers for doing something well. It's being recognised in that way that makes them feel like they've really achieved something."

## Strengthening families

"Having some consistency between behaviour at home and school is aided by the Parenting Classes offered to all parents," explains Amena. "I've really enjoyed the seven weeks I've attended so far. Their aim is to strengthen families. They cover a variety of topics like how to maintain your anger when your child isn't behaving and how to manage their behaviour when they feel angry or when they don't listen." The school offers these classes to all parents and Amena thinks they're a great addition. She adds: "The classes help with developing a consistent approach and help you understand things from the child's perspective. I've learned a lot so far!"

There are lots of other classes available too. "They offer lots of opportunities for parents to get more involved with the school and with your child's education," explains Amena. "They have English classes, art classes which your

children can attend too and computer classes - they're all great ways of ensuring family participation and support."

## No regrets

Amena has also been thrilled with the additional support offered to Aktana to help with some language difficulties she's been having whilst she's waiting for speech therapy. "The staff are always caring and approachable. They've been brilliant at helping Aktana and have offered her some useful strategies and techniques to help her remember certain words," says Amena.

Amena adds: "We have no regrets in choosing Burnley Brow Community School. All of our children are progressing well and it's clear to us they are happy and settled there. It offers a nurturing and supportive environment for learning. We really can't fault it!"



## Children say:

Aktana says: "My favourite thing about school is the fact we get to go swimming. It's exciting having a trip to the pool and the lessons are fun!" Akib says: "I love all the outdoor play at Burnley Brow Community School. The playground is really big and means we have lots of space for running around and playing games!"



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