

Rabia feels Burnley Brow Community School offers dedicated teaching staff who are **enthusiastic** about each child **achieving** the **best** they can



Shamsul Islam Chowdhury and Rabia Begum live in Oldham with their three children, Sumayah Chowdhury, 14, Fozyah Chowdhury, 11 and Minhajul Islam Chowdhury, seven in Year three.

High expectations for learning

Shamsul and Rabia chose Burnley Brow Community School for their children for a number of reasons. It was their catchment school but they were also aware of it's positive reputation for having a high expectation on learning. Shamsul and Rabia found that both Sumayah and Fozyah progressed well there and were always happy at school, so they found no reason to send Minhajul anywhere else.

"I really like how Burnley Brow Community School offers bilingual learning," says Rabia. "I think this has really helped Minhajul with any language barriers and is something which is really helping his understanding and learning progression."



Enthusiastic and caring teaching staff

Rabia has been involved with the school as a parent governor since 2009. She enjoys the opportunity this provides to liaise with other parents, teaching staff and the Head Teacher. "I was keen to get involved as a parent governor at Burnley Brow Community School. I think the role provides a great opportunity to learn more about how the school runs and it allows me to play a more active part in my children's education," says Rabia.

"I've been impressed with how enthusiastic the teaching staff are about ensuring the children meet their targets," adds Rabia. "I feel the teaching staff work really hard to push the children to reach their potential across the curriculum. They seem to really care about how each child is progressing," explains Rabia.

Open door policy

Throughout her children's education at Burnley Brow Community School, Rabia has always found the staff to be approachable, warm and friendly. "The staff will always make themselves available to speak to you if you need to discuss anything with them. They are welcoming with both children and parents and work hard to recognise the children as individuals."

Working together with parents

There have been very few occasions where Rabia has needed to speak to teachers about any issues, but when she has, she has always found them attentive and very keen to work with parents to achieve the best outcome. "The teachers are very keen to work together to resolve any issues," says Rabia. "Minhajul went through a small period where his attention span was lacking in class. The teachers came to me keen to improve this so that Minhajul could gain more from lessons. They spoke to both of us - to him individually and to me directly - so that we could work together to encourage him to participate more and pay more attention in class. I think that joined up approach is important and it worked well for Minhajul."

Rewarding good behaviour

Rabia is also impressed with how the school reinforces good behaviour and academic achievements. "At the end of each week there is a special time allocated to rewarding the children for being sensible, well behaved and kind to one another, which I think, is a really good idea" explains Rabia. "Minhajul was delighted when he came home with a toy as his prize for his behaviour. It's a nice way to reward children for working hard and a great way of recognising their achievements."

Happy and content

Rabia adds: "As parents we are very happy with Burnley Brow Community School and we know Minhajul is very content there. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their time there too! Minhajul leaves early for school every day - I think that says a lot about how much he enjoys it!"



Children say:

It's clear that Minhajul enjoys going to Burnley Brow Community School: "I like everything about school! It's a happy place to be!"



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