

Ruby and Mukith **love** how Burnley Brow Community School offers a **great education** in an environment which **actively encourages** family involvement



Ruby Khatun and Mukith Ahmed live in Oldham with their four children, Ruma Ahmed, 17 and Sadia Ahmed, 14, Esha Ahmed, eight, in Year 4 at Burnley Brow Community School and Niaz Rizwan Ahmed, three, in Nursery.

The perfect choice

After Burnley Brow Community School was recommended to Ruby and Mukith, they sent their two eldest daughters there. They were so pleased with their experiences, that even though they no longer live in catchment, they choose to travel so that Esha and Niaz can still attend. "It's such a lovely school, and a warm and cosy nursery. The teaching staff are brilliant! I wouldn't want them to go anywhere else," says Ruby.



Like part of the family

The communication received from the teachers is, for Ruby, a real strength of the school. "They're very good at noticing if your child isn't quite themselves and they'll ask you whether everything is alright. They really know your child and care about them," says Ruby. "You feel like they are really involving themselves with the children. They're like family! And it's reassuring to think they would notice if something was concerning Esha or Niaz."

Involving all the family

Burnley Brow Community School works hard to involve other family members in the learning process and this is something Ruby really likes. "There is an extra homework project for the family to get involved with; it's a nice way to work together and to have some input in your children's learning. Esha's recent family homework was a project on the Romans following their school trip on the same topic. It's not pressured, it's just a fun way to get involved in the things they are learning about."

Ruby adds: "Getting your children to talk at the end of the school day about what they are doing at school isn't always easy, so this is a great way of being more aware."

Learning for parents too

Another strength of the school for Ruby is their ethos on encouraging parents to get involved in courses that compliment family life and the local community. "The courses they offer are excellent at making you think about what else is out there outside of the usual home-life and I like that," says Ruby. "I've been participating in the school's 'Strengthening the Family and Community' course. It's a brilliant project! It teaches you how to work with your children, how to reward them, how to get more involved with them and it gives you ideas on places you can go in the community and how you can help those local to you."

Ruby adds: "It's nice to have an opportunity to be a part of their learning environment."

A personal approach for new starters

Ruby was also impressed with the home visit conducted by nursery staff just before Niaz was due to start at Nursery. "I think it's a wonderful idea; it adds a real personal touch," says Ruby. "At the beginning of September, two of the staff came out to visit Niaz and I at home. They spent time interacting with him in the place he's most comfortable," explains Ruby. "It's such a lovely way of getting to know the new children in their own environment before they start. I'm certain it helped Niaz to feel more secure about going into nursery as the staff already felt like friends."

A fantastic, family orientated school

Ruby speaks with such enthusiasm about Burnley Brow Community School. "It's a fantastic school! The warm and friendly nature of the staff really motivates and encourages the children. They really are like members of your family and it's a very family oriented school. I can't imagine my children going anywhere else!"



Children say:

Esha says: "My favourite thing about school is my teachers. They're so friendly and I get on really well with them!"



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