Aminur and Rubena **believe** the **support** Burnley Brow Community School offers is **fantastic** at meeting individual needs of children and their parents

Aminur Rahman and Rubena Begum live in Oldham with their children Jannatun Amin (Jannat), seven in Year 3 and Mohammad Alimur, five, in Reception.

A welcoming environment

Choosing Burnley Brow Community School for their children was an easy choice for Aminur and Rubena. The school was local to them and they had received lots of strong recommendations from family, friends and local people. "I heard everyone talking about Burnley Brow so we went along to see it. It felt very friendly and right for our family," says Rubena.

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Excellent support for parents

Rubena was impressed with the facilities and opportunities for both children and their parents. "My first language is Bengali and the school offers courses to help develop my English language, which is fantastic," says Rubena. "The lessons are during school hours, which is helpful. They're really helping me to communicate better with the teachers and they've been a good way of meeting other parents too."

"They have a homework club too. Parents can go along and the teacher will explain what is expected from the homework tasks," explains Rubena. "They have staff who can interpret into Bengali for me, which means I can fully understand what is expected from Jannat with her homework and can help her at home."

Working together to support learning

Rubena and her children have particularly enjoyed the family tasks that have been sent home. "Jannat was given a family task to complete, looking at the Bangladesh flag. The task was to work together making a poster for a competition," explains Jannat. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to complete this with her and to help her win a book in the competition. Jannat was really happy!"

The parenting course offered by Burnley Brow Community School also comes highly recommended by Rubena. "The course is run by the school and is available for all parents. I have found it excellent in helping my confidence in managing behaviour at home."

Practical and emotional support for special educational needs

Alimur has some special educational needs due to Autism. Rubena has found the staff at Burnley Brow Nursery and Burnley Brow Community School incredibly supportive. "From starting nursery at Burnley Brow when he was three, I have always found the staff to be understanding and supportive of Alimur's behaviour and the emotions this produces for me and for him," explains Rubena. "I feel I can share my concerns with the staff and their approachability has delighted me."

Rubena adds: "Alimur can't talk very well and has some attachment issues. The school provides one to one work through SEN teaching assistants; they are giving Alimur some brilliant support. To help him communicate, they use cards with pictures which has really helped him to feel he can express himself."

A flexible approach to meeting needs

Alimur also experiences some issues with eating as a result of his autism. "He doesn't like to eat around other people and will only let me help him," explains Rubena. "The school has been fantastic in allowing me to go into school at lunch times to help Alimur eat. I think all of the support the school has put in place has really allowed him to feel settled and has eased the transition from nursery to Reception."

Aminur and Rubena are very happy with the progress both children are making at Burnley Brow Community School. "Jannat is in Year three now and is progressing academically very well. She's very happy there! She gets on brilliantly with the teachers and has made some good friends."

Best interests at heart

Rubena adds: "I cannot fault the support on offer for everyone at Burnley Brow Community School. It's a really good school with very friendly and approachable staff who have the best interests of each child at heart."