



Copthorne
Primary School
No limits on learning

Shazia and Mohammed have seen their four children flourish in the friendly atmosphere of Copthorne Primary School

Shazia and Mohammed Ali live in Bradford with their children, Waqar, aged 20, Somia, aged 18, Marian, aged 16 and Safa, aged ten.



New school

All Shazia and Mohammed's children attended Copthorne, where they received an excellent start to their education. Shazia recalls that when Waqar started Copthorne had just opened and was a brand-new school. "He had a very good time there and went on to do well at secondary school and has now just graduated from Bradford University with a degree in IT," she says.



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Good grounding

Waqar's three sisters also enjoyed their time at Copthorne where they got off to a good start. Shazia says: "Somia did well at secondary school and has just taken her A Levels. She is about to start at Bradford University where she is going to do teacher training. Marian has just finished her GCSEs and Safa has just completed Year Five at Copthorne."

Excellent staff

Shazia thinks the quality of the staff is the main strength of the school. She says: "It was the same head teacher for a long time but since she left, the new head teacher has also been excellent. The transition has been smooth and I don't feel the school has changed, it is just as good. All the children are encouraged to feel that if they work hard they can achieve their goals."

Community feel

"The children who attend the school and their parents all get along well together. It is a very friendly community. The staff are all very approachable, which gives the children confidence about going to them with any issues. The whole school has a lovely atmosphere," says Shazia.

Ready to help

Safa has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Copthorne and has always done well, Shazia says. "Safa particularly loves art and reading. All her teachers have taken an interest in her and have helped her when she has needed it. About a year ago Safa was diagnosed as dyslexic. Safa's teacher watched her closely and, then got someone to come into the school to do a test on her. The school have now assigned an additional, special teacher to help Safa and give her extra reading sessions."

Faith in the school

Shazia says: "Despite Safa's dyslexia she is a good reader, but she sometimes gets nervous when she is given thick books to read. She can feel overwhelmed just by the size of them. However, I am confident that because the school are dealing with the situation so effectively it won't hold her back. I have complete faith in Copthorne to do their best for every child. The school think reading and writing and Maths are very

important and help all the children to do their best in those subjects."

Trips and clubs

The school also attach importance to the social side for the children. "The children are encouraged to play well together in the playground and be considerate and caring towards each other and they are helped to become more confident. There are regular trips out and a good choice of after school clubs. Safa has enjoyed going to the art club and cookery club," says Shazia.

Safe environment

"Safa is looking forward to going into Year Six and then up to secondary school the year after. I am happy in the knowledge that Copthorne prepares them well so they are confident about going to their new school," says Shazia. "All my children have had a good experience at Copthorne and I would not hesitate to recommend the school to other parents. I can assure them that their child will be completely safe and the education they will receive will be of a high quality."

Children say:

Safa says: "Copthorne is like a home from home for me. I miss it when I am not at school."

