



Copthorne
Primary School
No limits on learning

Mahmoona and Nasar are delighted that all three of their children have been encouraged to excel at Copthorne Primary School

Mahmoona Anwar and Nasar Iqbal live in Shipley with their children, Ubaidullah Naser, aged 14, Hamaad Naser, aged 12 and Juwairiah Naser, aged 11.



Strong support

Like her brothers before her, Juwairiah has just finished Year Six at Copthorne with excellent grades and is looking forward eagerly to starting at secondary school. Her father Nasar says: "Copthorne is an excellent school because the staff are sensitive to the needs of individual children and provide them with strong support all the way through, with the backing of the senior leadership team."



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Friendly atmosphere

Mum Mahmoona says: "All three of my children have done well at Copthorne. The school has a lovely friendly atmosphere and as soon as you walk through the reception area it feels welcoming. You can approach the teachers if you have things you need to discuss and they will book a time when you can sit down with them and talk to them."

Winning a place

She says: "My eldest son joined Copthorne in Year One. Before that he had been at another school but we took him away because we thought it was very boring and uninspiring. We looked round other schools and Copthorne came out well in comparison with all the others. To begin with we were turned down because we lived outside the catchment area but I went to see the head teacher and said: 'I have an intelligent child and I want him to come to Copthorne.' I am so thankful that I managed to get him a place."

Maths resources

Juwairiah has been at Copthorne since starting in the nursery at the age of three.

Nasar says: "Juwairiah is a good all rounder and loves all her subjects. She has just taken and passed the Level Six SATs paper in Maths as well as achieving 100% in the Level 5 test. The school have put a lot of resources into Maths and deployed a specialist teacher, which has benefited the children. Juwairiah has spent hours doing Maths on line on the Mathletics website because she enjoys it so much."

Support for parents

Mahmoona says staff at Copthorne not only have good relationships with the children but are also engaged with the parents. "Because English is a second language for many of the children, the school put on courses in English for the parents, so they can help their children. The school have sometimes asked me to speak to other parents to encourage them to come along to the courses. They try to teach the parents what they are teaching the children so that they can get involved and help their children."

Learning to lead

The school encourage teamwork and helping others and also like the children to develop leadership skills, says Nasar. "Juwairiah applied for the post of Digital Leader and argued her case for why she should be given the job. She was successful and someone from outside the school then came in to teach Juwairiah about IT. She would then in turn share with the teachers and the other children what she had learnt."

Moving up

Mahmoona says that Juwairiah has had very good preparation for going to secondary school. "She had a whole day doing activities and making friends with children from other primary schools who will be at the next school with her. She also spent a day at her new school meeting her class teachers while it was closed. She's got everything ready, all her pencils and her bag are packed for when she starts. She's very relaxed and looking forward to it. Copthorne has given her excellent preparation for the next stage in her education and we are confident she will do well. I would recommend Copthorne to other parents because of the way they support able children and look after their individual needs."

Children say:

Juwairiah says: "I love Copthorne because the teachers are nice and the lessons they plan are exciting."

