



## An Independent Islamic School for pupils aged 2-16

Afifah Academy manages Afifah School,  
which consists of a Nursery, a Primary School and a Secondary Girls School.  
Registered Charity No: 1120284 Company No. 5512936

Principal: Abdul Huy Malek LLB (Hons)

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Assalaamu aluykoom Respected Parent/Guardian,

### Re : Fees during lockdown

I hope and pray that you and your families are in good health and strong Emaan. Ameen

Further to the enforced closure of all schools by the UK Government, the Trustees have had to re-assess our finances. This is not helped by the fact that there is considerable uncertainty as to when schools will re-open. For independent Islamic schools, tuition fees are the only source of income, with which we must ensure our long-term financial viability. This is only possible with the timely payment of tuition fees and support of parents. In these challenging circumstances, it has been decided that tuition fees will not be reduced, for the following reasons:

- The needs of our students always come first. Live online lessons are being delivered by our teachers, based on a full timetable for all high school students and most primary school students, thereby maintaining a degree of normality and continued learning.
- Our salary costs remain largely the same, due to staff being used for remote learning and on-site supervision. Very few staff will be furloughed this time, as compared to last year.
- Due to the building being used by some teaching staff, Pre-School and the Key Worker provision, the utilities costs also remain largely the same.
- A very generous discount was provided to all parents for the Summer 2020 term. Fees for this academic year were also not increased.
- If there is a small saving made, it will only be used to reinvest into the school for better resources and tools to aid our teaching and learning provision.

Consequently, it was not possible to sanction a reduction in fees whilst our expenses remained largely the same. This could severely harm our finances and cause Afifah to fall in to debt. The Trustees will review fees again in mid-February 2021. I therefore urge all parents to pay tuition fees as soon as they are due.

I believe that Afifah School is doing much more than state schools in these unprecedented times, to ensure that none of our students are at a disadvantage when they return to school. It is therefore imperative that once this crisis is over, we are able to return to some sense of normality and that our children can return to Afifah School. I understand this is a frustrating time for many parents. I would like to thank all parents for continuing to support Afifah School during this difficult time and I pray for the good health and well-being of all students, parents, staff, their families and our communities. Ameen.

Was Salaam

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