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**Al-Hijrah School**  
**مدرسة الهجرة**

**By Hand via Pupils**

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

*As-salaamu 'alaikumwa-rahmatullahiwa-barakatuhu*

**Re: Ofsted**

We hope and pray that this letter finds you in the very best of imaan and health.

You may be aware of news about an Ofsted report of Al-Hijrah School from mid-2016 and publicity regarding some of the issues involved. We want to explain these issues to parents and give you some background.

The Interim Executive Board and Birmingham City Council had a number of concerns about some of Ofsted's findings in the report of that inspection, and together we have been pursuing complaints and legal processes to air these concerns. One of the concerns was about Ofsted's views on the separation of girls and boys at the school.

At a High Court hearing in November 2016 the judge upheld some of our objections to Ofsted's mid-2016 report. Ofsted has challenged the High Court decision by appealing to the Court of Appeal, and the hearing is taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Meanwhile Ofsted published a new inspection report following a new inspection in March 2017, which you will all have seen.

Reporting restrictions preventing the media identifying the school in the legal proceedings against Ofsted have now been lifted so you may see the school named in media reports. They may also run stories on the contents of the June 2016 Ofsted report; though we must stress that the report that was published in May 2017 is the one that we are currently working with and is on Ofsted's website.

We are very grateful for the support of Birmingham City Council which has been very open and very clear about their commitment to ensuring that Al-Hijrah School continues to prosper. There will be an opportunity to discuss these issues further at our regular Head Teacher meetings and parents are always welcome to come into school to meet senior staff to discuss these or any other issues.

Finally may we assure you that as always, and as shown by our excellent results, our staff are continuing to manage the various issues that have arisen over the last two years and to focus on pupils and their progress, growth and achievements.

Jazak'Allah hu khayrun for your continuous support and cooperation.

*Wa salaam*

**Br. Arshad Mohammed**

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