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By Hand via Pupils

Dear Parents/Guardians

As-salaamu 'alaikum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuhu

Re: New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

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

Welcome back to all of our families as we look forward to a new school year at Al-Hijrah and a special welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this month, mainly in Reception and Year 7.

GCSE Results

Following from the success of the outstanding KS1 and KS2 results, we start the new school year delighted with our GCSE results despite the increased difficulty of the reformed exams in English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. Below are some of the Highlights of our amazing results

- English 82% Grade 9-4 – (20% above national average)
- Maths 76% Grade 9-4 (18% above national average)
- Additional Science 93% (35% above national average)

These results like all achievements are based on hard work over the years; therefore, all staff and parents can take credit for creating a school ethos in which Islamic values form the basis of both a high achieving school but also one that focuses upon building and developing the Islamic character of our children, Insha'Allah. Congratulations to the students and well done to the parents and teachers who supported them – Masha'Allah!

Eid-al-Adha 1438

With Eid over the weekend, the staff and pupils at Al-Hijrah School wish you and your family belated very happy Eid! May the Mercy and Blessings of Allah (SWT) continue to shine on us all as we enter the new academic year; we pray Allah (SWT) continues to protect us and accepts the Hajj of every Muslim, Aameen.

Breakfast Club (8.00 am – 8.30 am) – Early Morning Drop-Off

Breakfast Club has started from **Wednesday 6th September 2017**. The cost for each day is **50p (£2.50 per week)**.

Parents/guardians must take their child to the Main Office to register for the morning Breakfast Club at **8.00 am**. Under NO circumstances should children be left unattended before this time in the school building, as they will be unsupervised and we are not liable/responsible for their safety.

Please note, children will NOT be admitted to the Breakfast Club after 8.15 am and will be unsupervised.

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Morning Drop-Off

All pupils should arrive to school between **8.30 am – 8.45 am** as follows:

- Reception may be escorted by parents/guardians to class (only for the first half term) – entrance from Cobham Road gate.
- Years 1 – 3 may be escorted by parents/guardians to the Portacabin entrance.
- Years 4 – 6 will go directly to their classrooms.
- Year 7 – 11 will directly to the: Main Hall (Boys) | Sisters Hall (Girls).

Punctuality

Please note, gates will be locked at **8.45 am** (promptly) – any late pupils must be accompanied by their parents/guardians to the Main Office to be signed into the Late Sheet. We kindly advise parents/guardians not to leave their children until they have safely entered the school building. After 5 late arrivals in a term, a meeting will be arranged with parents to discuss any issues.

Home-Time Collection Arrangements

- **Reception – Year 1** must be collected from the Portacabins. Parents are NOT allowed to enter the classroom but if required, they can speak to members of staff after the class has been dismissed.
- **Year 2 and 3** will be dismissed from the Cobham Road Playground.
- **Year 4 – Year 6** pupils will be dismissed from the Burbidge Road Playground.
- **Secondary students** will be permitted to leave the school at **3.30 pm** – it is your responsibility to make arrangements with your child if you would like them to wait.

Listed Collectors & Code

If the listed persons are unable to collect your child at home-time you must inform the school by 2.30 pm and provide a brief description for the staff. The person collecting your child will be asked for the code (which was given last year). If a phone call is not made and staff do not have a code, your child will NOT be allowed to go home with that person. If you cannot remember the code please ask your child's Class Teacher and they will be able to provide you with the information.

Please also note that Primary children can NOT collect their siblings and will not be dismissed without one of the listed persons.

Uniform & PE

Pupils at Al-Hijrah School are required to wear full school uniform when attending school and when participating in school based/organised events outside normal school hours. It is essential that your child is sent to school wearing **appropriate uniform at all times**. If pupils are not in appropriate uniform **3 times**, parents/guardians will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

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| Labelling Uniform | It is suggested that parents/guardians write the name of their child and class on ALL uniform items to avoid them being lost. When the name starts to fade, it should be rewritten. Please always refer to the Uniform List (available on the school website) when preparing your child for school. |
| Year 3 Uniform Changes | Please kindly note that the uniform for girls in Year 3 changes as they are part of KS2 – they must wear ankle-length skirts; please refer to the Uniform List (see school website). |
| Hoodies: BANNED | No hoodies are allowed in school at all. This includes PE lessons for both boys and girls. If it is seen on it WILL be confiscated and school policy will be followed for its return. <i>A "hoody" is defined as "any jumper or sweater, with or without a zip, that has a hood/hat attached to it".</i> |
| Coats & Jackets – Outdoor Only | Outdoor coats/jackets with hoods/hats are permitted and are strictly for outdoor use only , i.e. break/lunch times. Students must take coats/jackets off whilst in the school building and during any lessons, including PE. |
| PE Uniform | Please refer to the Uniform List - If pupils are not in appropriate PE uniform 3 times , parents/guardians will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the issue. |

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Library

All pupils have a chance to visit the Library. Please kindly **ensure** that your child brings his/her Library Book to school so that it may be changed. Unfortunately, pupils who fail to bring back their Library Book will **not** be issued with a new book and there will be a charge applied.

Please note that if your child has not returned an overdue book from last year or has failed to pay the fine, they will not be able to take out any new books until this is rectified.

Water

We aim to promote healthy living, and in order to maintain this with the pupils, we request that each child is provided with a refillable bottle of water. Bottles with a sports cap would be best, as children are able to control the water flow. Your child will have access to their water bottle throughout the day and this will ensure that they continually remain hydrated.

Snack-Time

We also encourage healthy eating and wellbeing; therefore, please **ensure** you provide your child with a **healthy** morning snack, e.g. fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, etc. Fruit juices are permitted but fizzy drinks are **not** allowed.

Energy Drinks - Banned

Further to the above, ENERGY drinks (e.g. Red Bull, Lucozade, etc) are NOT permitted in school and if found will be confiscated and school policy will be followed for its return.

School Meals Service

We operate the Parent Pay system for school meals. A form can be requested from the Main Office. It is important this is completed in order for your child to receive or purchase school meals. Once Biometric consent has been provided, your child can be scanned onto the system in order to access meals. Pupils can then pre-pay for meals using one of the Parent Pay machines situated around the school. If you require any further information or forms, please contact Br Mustafa Evans on 0121 773 7979.

Cleanliness

In Primary, to avoid spoiling uniforms please also provide your child with an *old, long-sleeved, oversized shirt* to wear when doing messy activities in school.

We hope that these arrangements will help with preparations for school and help avoid any confusion, Insha'Allah. May we wish everyone a good term as we now focus on the year ahead, Insha'Allah.

Jazak'Allah hu khayran for your kind cooperation and support.

Wa salaam

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Head Teacher