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By Hand Via Pupils

Dear Parents/ Guardians

As-salaamu 'alaikum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuhu

Re: **Monitoring Visit by Ofsted**

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

As you will be aware our most recent monitoring visit by Ofsted inspectors took place just before the Half Term break. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the feedback we have received from Ofsted following this visit.

The full report from the recent monitoring visit is available both on the Al-Hijrah and Ofsted websites. I am very pleased that the inspectors have recognised the progress we are making as a school in addressing the areas for improvement Ofsted identified when they inspected the school in March last year.

The monitoring visit report recognises our successes in the following areas:

- The school and the Interim Executive Board (IEB) have successfully continued to address the areas Ofsted identified for improvement at the inspection in March 2017.
- Pupils' attendance has improved, and the number of exclusions and incidents of negative behaviour have reduced.
- The school's arrangements for safeguarding are effective, as are the checks on staff's suitability to work with children and young people.
- Pupils who spoke with inspectors said that they feel safe in school and that staff are thoughtful and caring.
- Pupils told inspectors that bullying incidents, though rare, are dealt with quickly and effectively.
- The school's policy for children with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities is greatly improved and the majority of pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities are doing well across the school.
- The IEB makes sure that the school's budget is managed effectively, provides value for money and benefits the pupils.
- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is improving, and pupils make secure progress.
- The school is making effective use of the support that is available from other schools.
- The majority of pupils are polite, respectful, cooperative and thoughtful.

We are very pleased that the inspectors have recognised these improvements and we will continue to work hard to ensure further progress is made. Hopefully you have also noticed the improvements that have been made at Al-Hijrah.

In the report, the inspectors remain concerned that Al-Hijrah is in breach of the Court of Appeal ruling regarding single sex teaching. As you know, the school is required to address this issue as a matter of urgency and the inspection team will expect to see firm proposals on this at their next monitoring visit in the new academic year. The school is also subject to an order that requires it to convert from a maintained school to an Academy.

We are working with the IEB, parent representatives, Birmingham City Council and the Regional Schools Commissioner to find a solution that will address these issues and to identify a sponsor for the school. This work is progressing well, and we should be able to share information with you about this at a meeting for families on 25th September 2018.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. I hope the monitoring visit report gives you confidence in the progress we've made to date and our plans for the future.

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

Wa salaam

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