

25 September 2018

## Children currently in Reception – Year 5 at Al-Hijrah School

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, we are proposing changes to Al-Hijrah School to take effect in September 2019 and have set these out at a meeting with parents. A consultation on our first proposal, to change the age range, is due to start on Wednesday 26 September 2018.

This letter explains what these proposals will mean for children currently in Reception – Year 5 at Al-Hijrah.

The main proposals are:

- The age range of Al-Hijrah will change to 4 – 11 (Reception – Year 6).
- The primary school will retain its Islamic ethos.
- The school will convert to 4-11 co-educational academy.
- The school will convert to an academy with an academy sponsor.
- The sponsor has been determined by the Regional Schools Commissioner and Head Teacher Board.
- The school will join the trust once it has primary designation, in September 2019.
- The school will move to a new site for September 2019. More information will be provided on this in the future.

As Al-Hijrah School will become a primary school under our proposals, this means you will need to apply for a secondary school place when your child is in Year 6. More information will be provided about this when your child is at the end of Year 5.

### What happens next?

- Al-Hijrah will remain open as normal for the whole of the 2018/19 academic year providing education to all pupils.
- We are starting a consultation on our proposals for the primary school where you can give us your views.
- You can access this consultation at [www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/alhijrahdraft](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/alhijrahdraft)
- Children in Reception – Year 5 will automatically move into the new primary school from September 2019. **No application will need to be made.**
- More information on the new primary school, including the proposed new site, will be shared with families in due course.

The presentation we delivered at the parents' meeting on 25 September is available on the Al-Hijrah website at <http://alhijrahschool.co.uk/>. A frequently asked questions document will also be posted there that we will keep updated.

We appreciate this may be an unsettling time for families but we are confident that our proposals will ensure children at Al-Hijrah receive high quality education with an Islamic ethos.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Al-Hijrah or Birmingham City Council ([education@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:education@birmingham.gov.uk) or [head@al-hijrah.bham.sch.uk](mailto:head@al-hijrah.bham.sch.uk)).

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