

25 September 2018

**Children due to start Reception Class in September 2019
(those born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015)**

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 due to start school in September 2019.

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.
- This school will be converted to academy status with an academy sponsor.
- The sponsor has been determined by the Regional Schools Commissioner and Head Teacher Board.
- The school will move to another site. More information about this site will be provided to you in due course.
- Online applications for Reception Class places will be open from 1 October 2018 until 15 January 2019.
- Apply at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- Also complete the supplementary form for Al-Hijrah.

What happens next?

- 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
- You should apply for your child's Reception Class place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- Applications will open on 1 October 2018 and close on 15 January 2019. **It is very important that you apply by the deadline.**
- If you are planning to apply for a place for your child at Al-Hijrah, you should bear in mind the changes we are proposing to the school.
- 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 or head@al-hijrah.bham.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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