

25 September 2018

Girls currently in Year 7 – Year 10 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 set these out at a meeting with parents on 25 September 2018. 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 girls currently in Year 7 – Year 10 at Al-Hijrah.

We propose to change the age range of Al-Hijrah to 4 – 11 (Reception – Year 6). This means that children in Years 7 - 10 will apply move to a new primary school from September 2019.

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.
- Through normal admissions procedures all secondary girls currently on roll at Al-Hijrah will be able to apply for a place at any secondary school within the city to start in September 2019. The Local Authority would co-ordinate a bespoke mini admissions process during the spring term 2019
- A new girls' free school with an Islamic ethos is proposed to open in September 2019 on a site to be determined. This will be under the Free School Presumption route.
- An open tendering process to identify the most suitable education providers with capacity to open the free school.
- The provider would need to provide high quality education and expertise of operating faith schools.
- All secondary aged girls currently at Al-Hijrah would be able to apply for places at this new school.
- We will continue to update you on progress regarding the new free school.

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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