

25 September 2018

## Girls currently in Year 6 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 girls currently in Year 6 at Al-Hijrah.

We propose to change the age range of Al-Hijrah to 4 – 11 (Reception – Year 6). This means children in Year 6 will not continue in the same school.

### 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)
- Our proposals mean that children due to move to Year 7 in September 2019 would need to make an application for a school place.
- Al-Hijrah will no longer be an 'all through' school.
- Parents/families can choose to make an application for a Year 7 place in any other school through the current admission round.
- You can apply online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions).
- The deadline for on time applications in the normal transfer round for Year 7 is 31 October 2018.
- 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.
- Support will be available from Birmingham City Council's School Admissions team.

- A workshop on admissions has been arranged for Thursday 4 October 2018 at Al-Hijrah School. More information about this will follow shortly.

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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