



OAKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Islamic School



We Aspire, We Reach, We Achieve





Welcome to Oakwood Primary

All praises are due to Allah (Glory be to Him) and may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon the last of the messengers Muhammad (sallallahu alih wasalum) and upon his entire family until the last day.
Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh

Knowledge and Education occupy a great position in Islam. It is by knowledge that one increases one's rank and wins valuable reward.

Allah says: Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe and those who have been granted knowledge. And Allah is well acquainted with what you do.
(Al-Mujadilah:11)

Each nation has its goals and interests to achieve by its education. Nations strive to achieve lofty goals and objectives through their institutes of knowledge and education. The most prominent of which is inculcating in their growing generations (primary age) the spirit of education, its concepts and types.

Knowledge according to Islam is the guarantor of progress to any community by the permission of Allah, the only means that let it occupy a high position is its noble characters, virtues, development, civilization, reform and prosperity.

Islam regards education as a tool for building a better society in all aspects of its life under the shade of complete adherence to the way of Allah and the prophetic traditions of the Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (May Allah exalt his mention).

Education in Islam is a way of impressing its noble concepts in the minds of young people, so as to make them their guides in their behaviours and other aspects of their life. The Prophet said, "I was only sent to perfect the noble characters".

At Oakwood Primary school we strive to inculcate in the minds of our children true allegiance and love for Islam and the Prophet Muhammad (May Allah exalt his mention) and endeavour to let them know the realities of this religion. To teach them to hold fast to the Islamic morals and noble conducts in their homes, school, on the road, in the market place and in all fields of their life.

Therefore I ask and humbly request all parents and the community at large to assist my team and me in this endeavour, and know for sure that, as the Prophet said, "every one of you is a shepherd and each one of you will be held responsible for his flock".

Oakwood Primary School benefits from a hard working, qualified and experienced team of teachers and support staff. We aim to ensure that students feel happy and safe at school as they work towards their future academic and personal success.

If you do come here you will be very welcome as a member of our community. I am sure you will find Oakwood Primary School's curriculum stimulating and demanding for your children, and a very exciting place to be Insha'Allah.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Jamal'.

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[Qur'an, Al-Mujaadilah: 11]

Our **Mission Statement**

Oakwood Primary School aims to promote **moral** and **academic** excellence in a **caring** and **secure Islamic** environment, providing **opportunities** for the **realisation** of our **children's fullest potential**.



“...their spiritual and moral development is outstanding and reflected in their outstanding behaviour.” OFSTED 2012

Our Aims

- To provide a safe, purposeful and supportive environment
- To foster a sense of self-esteem and respect for others
- To enable each child to develop their full academic, social and physical potential
- To value cultural diversity and the richness of the school community
- To providing experiences that are stimulating, challenging and enjoyable
- To develop self-discipline and a sense of social responsibility
- To encourage a sense of wonder, spiritual awareness and responsibility for the world around them.
- To recognise parents as partners in their child's education and welcoming the contribution they make to the life of the school.



Equal Opportunities and Inclusion

Students are required at all times to adhere to Oakwood Primary School's Equal Opportunity Policy. No member of the school community is to be discriminated against on the grounds of race, colour, sex, disability, age or social position.

As a school we are committed to giving every child an opportunity to achieve the highest standards regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, attainment or background. We recognise that there is a diversity of special needs including learning, health, behavioural, emotional and physical. We aim to provide for pupils who are gifted and talented and recognise that they may need specific provision.

We also recognise that pupils for whom English is an additional language may also have learning needs which must be supported to enable them to access the curriculum. We are clear at the school that the need to learn English is not a special need in itself but may or may not be associated with an additional special educational need.

“Oakwood Primary has a determined culture of consistently aiming high”

PARENT

The Oakwood Primary Way

With small class sizes kept closely under review, good teaching facilities and a healthy homework policy guided by our teachers contributing to your child's independent learning needs, we have achieved a high standard of education for the school to pride itself in. Respect for all nurtured upon strong Islamic values has allowed us to achieve an “Outstanding” status for pupil behaviour and respect.

Our brand new ICT facilities and interactive classroom boards have proven to be powerful tools to enhance teaching and learning. We base our education standards on the national level and have proved year-on-year to be significantly higher achievers than the national average.

How our Pupils are Taught

Enjoyment is the birthright of every child. We believe children learn better when they are excited and engaged. What excites and engages them best is truly excellent teaching.

Excellent teaching gives children the life chances they deserve. High standards in Arabic, Qur'an, literacy and numeracy are the backbone of success in learning and in life. Our Primary School education system encourages all children at different levels.

When there is joy in what they are doing, they learn to love learning.

We encourage and support every teacher in our school to drive their own improvement, to set their own challenging targets and to work tirelessly to build on success year after year.





Parental Involvement

The school values the involvement of parents and recognises the importance of building a partnership between home and school. Parents are always welcome to visit the school and encouraged to attend formal parents consultation evenings.

Curriculum Organisation

Our curriculum embraces Islamic studies and the national curriculum programme of study. Core subjects are Islamic studies, Qur'an, Arabic, English, Maths and Science.

Foundation subjects are Art, Design and Technology, Geography, History, ICT, PE and PSHE. The subjects will be delivered via a set of well coordinated and thoroughly planned topics.

We aim to put our children at the centre of their own learning and place great emphasis on nurturing skills and attitudes such as resilience and co-operation.





“Teachers plan tasks that stretch pupils of all abilities and use resources very effectively to support pupils’ learning, foster their independence and sustain their interest. Staff consistently engage pupils in discussion from the Nursery onwards and generally ask probing questions to deepen pupils’ understanding and check on their learning”

OFSTED 2012



“From Nursery onwards, there is great emphasis on developing pupils’ reading, writing, communication and numeracy skills”

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Our School Library

Promoting confident,
independent
and wider reading

Books are a very important part of a child's education. They enable them to develop their reading and literacy skills as well as increasing their knowledge of the world around them. This enables them to build on their intellect and confidence.

We believe in creating and sustaining independent readers. We also believe independent reading underpins high achievement. Evidence based on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Program for Student Assessment (PSA) study showed that for a range of reasons, reading for pleasure is a better indicator of academic success than any other form.

The School library helps both pupils who are struggling with reading and those who are keen readers but need stimulation and challenge to maintain their independent reading.



“As a result of the good curriculum and good teaching, pupils make good progress over time in relation to their varying starting points”

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How the Curriculum is **Enriched**

In addition to teaching the National Curriculum the school also offers an enrichment curriculum which aims to develop children's "Life skills".

We believe that in order for a child to become a success in their future learning and life, it is important to actively teach these "soft-skills".

We aim to provide our pupils with a well rounded and stimulated learning experience throughout their time at Oakwood Primary school.

There are a range of enrichment activities on offer during the school day. In addition there are many educational visits and events which are organised by our school:

- Swimming for all children (years 2– 6)
- Horse riding for all children (nursery – year 6)
- Sports development at the Athletics centre, Stockwood Park. (years 3– 6)
- Various outings and excursions throughout the children's school lives
- A visit to Parliament House (years 4–6)
- Learning Arabic and recitation of Qur'an
- ICT – making learning more fun and enjoyable through computing
- Arts & crafts
- Early morning Qur'an Hifdh class (5–11 years of age)



Academic Performance

End of Key Stage 2 SATS. Number of pupils achieving level 4 and higher, i.e. in line with government expectations of 4 and higher (includes level 5)% pupils

	2011	2012	2013	National results (2012) %pupils*
English	96	100	100	85
Reading	96	100	100	86
Writing	84	100	100	81
Mathematics	96	100	100	85

*SFR 33/2012 NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS AT KEY STAGE 2 IN ENGLAND, 2011/12 (REVISED)



“The staff form a cohesive team driven by a commitment to enable pupils to achieve their best”

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Outstanding Behaviour

At Oakwood Primary, good behaviour is reflected in everything we do from early years through to primary. It is something we have consistently maintained and something which has been duly recognised by Ofsted who have graded us as "Outstanding" year on year.

"They [staff] establish excellent relationships based on mutual respect in their classes and promote high standards of behaviour." OFSTED 2012



Healthy Eating

With increasing public concern about the quality of children's diet and rapidly increasing rates of child obesity and diet related diseases, Oakwood Primary now has the advantage of having our very own chef making freshly prepared balanced meals on a daily basis and boasting a good uptake in school meals.



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