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Dear Parents

RE: Parental Concerns

Alhumdulillah, Al-Ashraf Primary School has been providing a National Curriculum based education in keeping with Islamic morals since 2006. This year has been particularly challenging for everyone at Al-Ashraf due to the Ofsted inspection in November 2017. Following this report, we have worked tirelessly to put in place a structure that addressed our unmet Independent School Standards.

We have been approached by some parents with concerns regarding staffing resources for the coming academic year. We can confirm that the School has received a few resignation letters from staff, for various personal reasons. We are undergoing a period of consultation with teachers to ascertain their rationale for leaving and options for retaining their services beyond this academic year.

We would like to assure you that the Governing body are continuously looking to improve educational standards and have already engaged in an active recruitment campaign to fill these vacant posts, should it be necessary. The future of Al-Ashraf Primary School poses its unique set of challenges, however with a dedicated staffing team and support from our parents and the wider community, we are optimistic that the staffing structure will soon be finalised Inshallah.

Additionally, we are also aware that some parents have been concerned about a potential fee increase. Following a recent meeting with Al-Madani Educational Trust, they have recommended that fees for the next school year (2018/19) will remain unchanged; however, the first sibling discount will be withdrawn saving the school approximately £12K per year. The existing discounts offered to parents for their 3rd/4th children enrolled across Al-Ashraf Primary School and Al-Ashraf Secondary School for Girls will continue.

We would like to reassure parents, that the decision NOT to increase fees for the academic year 2018-2019 will not have an impact on staffing, resources, standards and quality of teaching. Al-Madani Educational Trust has agreed to meet the rising costs in these areas to make it affordable for parents.

The School Leadership Team, Governing Body and Al-Madani Educational Trust remain committed to listening to your views and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any further questions.

Jazakallah Khair for your ongoing support and cooperation.

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School Governing Body
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