

Monday 8th January 2018
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Dear Parents, AWW,

Re: Inspection Ofsted Report November 2017

As you may be aware, Al-Ashraf Primary School had a routine Ofsted inspection on 14-16th November 2017. A change in Ofsted regulations in 2015 meant both the School and Nursery were inspected together. Inspectors looked into the effectiveness of the education provision offered at both the School and Nursery and whilst they remain very pleased with the Nursery, they judged some elements of the school still need improvement and in some cases inadequate. Undoubtedly this has come as a disappointment to the Proprietor, Al-Madani Educational Trust, Governors, Senior Leadership Team and staff and we are determined to address these concerns as soon as we can.

However, the inspectors did find the school

- Provided a **broad curriculum**, with pupils demonstrating an understanding of cultures. Pupils behave well, are **polite and respectful** to staff and each other.
- **Parents are extremely positive** about the school and the education it provides.
- **Nursery teaching is of high quality** with a wide range of stimulating activities.

While the report identified concerns over the capacity and effectiveness of leadership and management and the resultant lack of overview of safeguarding, it did however acknowledge that staff receive appropriate training on a range of safeguarding issues and are able to identify pupils at risk.

The inspectors recognised that there are areas in the quality of teaching where pupils enjoy their learning and apply themselves well, showing enthusiasm when reading, however the school needs to develop this at all levels.

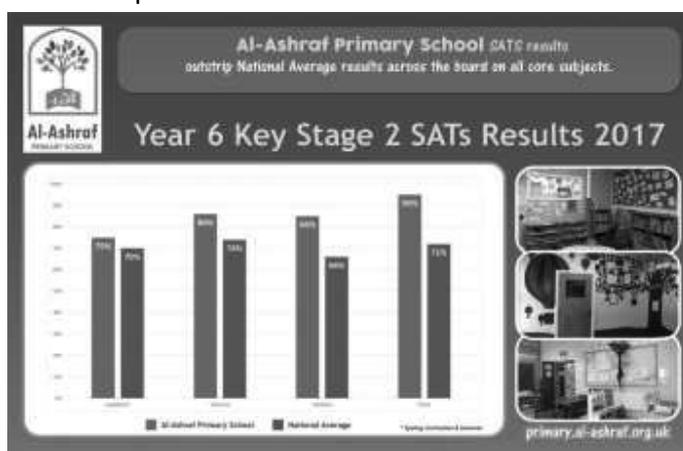
The report was clear in identifying that the school's personal, social and health education curriculum actively promotes pupils' personal development and their understanding of British Values. Pupils have a clear awareness of democracy. There is a strong sense of right and wrong and a healthy respect and tolerance for a range of views, beliefs and religions.

We also take great pride in our KS2 results continue to show positive results as shown in the chart here.

The inspectors noted, older pupils enjoy reading for pleasure; develop their understanding and are able to draw inferences and justifications.

Pupils leave the school with outcomes that are at expected or above expected standards. This is due to the stronger quality of teaching for older pupils.

Whilst the schools early years provision has had criticism drawn to it, we are very lucky to have an excellent Nursery running alongside the school. The report praises the Nursery and recognises the extensive professional development in early years education and recommends successful practices are shared widely across the rest of the school.





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Ofsted inspectors have reassured the Governing Body that the Senior Leadership Team is very competent, focussed and driven. However, they have recommended a review of the leadership structure, so that there is sufficient capacity to make the improvements needed. They have also recommended an in-depth analysis of performance and non-performance data; more investment in classroom resources to meet required standards; as well as more rigorous processes around health and safety.

Al-Ashraf Primary School has always strived to keep fees at the lowest possible rate to make it affordable for all parents. Consequently, the school has thus far been restricted in implementing the main areas of improvements duly identified. The report incontestably demonstrates that the school will require a significant injection of investment over the coming months and years which will not only help assuage Ofsted, but more importantly improve the performance of the school.

Obviously we are very disappointed with the overall markings and are determined to turn this around as soon as possible. We have a fantastic and dedicated staff team here at Al-Ashraf Primary School who work tirelessly to implement exciting and engaging lessons. They work hard to support your children in their learning and provide a happy and stimulating learning environment. Children behave well and they take pride in their school. They are well rounded individuals, confident and ready for their next steps at secondary school. Outcomes at KS2 consistently show above average high standards and all children reaching their full potential

As a Governing Body entrusted by you to deliver the best education we can, we can take heart from the fact that parents wish the school to succeed. The report acknowledges the Trust and Governing Body are committed to providing a high-quality education that includes an Islamic faith element. We believe with the continued support of our dedicated staff, governors and your duas, we can put into place the structure and culture that will provide a positive outcome (I.A).

The Governors and Trustees will be addressing the recommendations and unmet standards, and with immediate effect have started to formulate an action plan to focus on areas of improvement. The full report is available on the school website: <http://primary.al-ashraf.org.uk>.

Alhamd., the Governing Body remains committed to listening to your views and suggestions; constantly striving to make improvements for the betterment of our school. IA we hope to continue to make sure that parents and pupils are at the heart of every decision we make, so that together, we can ensure that our children have a secure foundation throughout their school years.

The school will be holding a meeting for all parents once an action plan & management structure has been approved by the Trust and Governing Body, in the meantime, whilst academically there is no cause for concern, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs K. Jadwat (DH) if you have any questions.

Jzk Khair for your continued support and cooperation.
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