

## Madressa Enrolment 2021 - 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians, Salaamun Alaikum

InshaAllah you and your families are safe & well.

I would like to begin by thanking all parents for their continued support of Madressa over the course of this year. We are always humbled by the dedication and passion of the Madressa community and we have been excited to virtually meet our students each and every week since 13<sup>th</sup> September when we began our online journey.

It has not been without a few hiccups, but from a wider perspective, each Sunday we are reaching out to just under 900 students, running ~80 different classes all within the time period 10am – 1.30pm. Our attendance rates are around 90% which demonstrates the commitment from all sides in ensuring this is a successful partnership.

By going online we have also been able to run uninterrupted each and every week since 13 September allowing for consistency and a return to some routine in these difficult times. Our staff have tried their very best and we are proud of their hard work and I am sure parents and students will join me in thanking them for their services.

The road ahead is unfortunately filled with uncertainty although recent news of a potential vaccine does lift our hopes that the end to the current pandemic may be coming into sight. However it is with this uncertainty in mind that we are setting out our future plans as below.

### Academic Year 2021

There are two important changes that I would like to bring to your attention going forward:

1. Due to the current pandemic, we have decided to remain online until at least September 2021.

With the recent exponential rise in infection rates and the ensuing lockdown, there is currently no certainty that there will be a short/medium term change in allowing Madressa to operate on site without significant restrictions being required to be put in place.

Therefore, in order to be able to accommodate most students we will remain online but continue to actively review when we can move back into our usual premises and as soon as we are able to, we will do so.

2. For some time we have reviewing the possibility of aligning the Madressa academic year to the school academic year for a variety of reasons including: creating a sense of familiarity between Madressa structure and school structure in terms of admissions; student class alignment and the timing of progression through each year. Additionally, due to the size of Madressa the two week Christmas period is increasingly insufficient in allowing time for transition planning from one academic year to the next.

With Madressa being online in 2021, we will be able to deliver almost 25 teaching weeks between Jan 2021 and July 2021 which is almost a full academic year (as we usually deliver 29-30 teaching weeks per year). Therefore, for 2021 only, we will end our academic year early in August 2021 and begin a new academic year in September 2021 which will run a full year until August 2022.

#### Fees for Academic Year 2021

Our fees for the 2021 academic year (ending August 2021 as outlined above) will be £30 per child and parents / guardians will have an option to split this payment over five months so that the payment can be broken down to £6 per month per child.

We are able to provide a substantial reduction to our usual fees due to the fact that we will be running all our classes online and we have a significant amount of funds that we will be carrying forward from 2020 where we only utilised Northwood school for two full months.

We understand that 2020 has been a difficult year for many individuals and so if for any reason you are unable to settle our fees in part or otherwise, please reach out to us in confidence on [admin@madressa.net](mailto:admin@madressa.net).

*The Madressa understands that some parents may be apprehensive about getting in touch with us, but we can reassure you that information is held and managed securely and always treated in the **strictest of confidence**.*

#### Academic Year 2021/22

As outlined above, this will be a full year running from 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022 and registration will commence in the summer of 2021.

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If, as we hope, Madressa is able to resume on site at Northwood School without creating a significant health risk to students and staff in September 2021 for the start of the 2021/22 academic year, our fees will fall back in line with previous fee levels and our expectation is that the fee amount will be £175 per child from that point onwards with the usual option of spreading payments over a 9 month period.

However at this time it is not possible to say with any degree of certainty where we might be and so we will continue to review this position and provide a further update closer to the time inshaAllah.

We earnestly pray for a quick end to the pandemic, for the safety and security of all and for the hastening of our Imam (atf).

If you have any queries please email [admin@madressa.net](mailto:admin@madressa.net).

With duas,



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