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LEICESTER ISLAMIC ACADEMY

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About us

Leicester Islamic Academy was founded in 1982, and has a rich history. For primary school age children from the age of three in Nursery to age eleven in Year 6, Leicester Islamic Academy provides a stimulating education that allows children to thrive spiritually and reach their full academic potential. Children end their school journey in Year 6 with excellent academic skills and an Islamic education based on the Quran and Sunnah.

A vision that is based on every child developing a strong Deen and growing up to be a responsible British citizen who gives back to society through hard work and service.

Contact Us

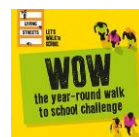
We are situated on a large site, in the leafy area of Stoneygate, **Leicester**. We are ideally located near to the main transport routes into **Leicester** and are in walking **distance** of the City Centre and the Universities.

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Our Mission

At Leicester Islamic Academy, we strive for excellence in all areas of academic and spiritual development. Through educating, enabling and empowering young people we are growing the leaders of tomorrow in our school today. The ethos of LIA is based on the principles of Islam through the guidance of the Quran and the Sunnah. We endeavour to provide a journey that fosters true Iman in the hearts and minds of our pupils, staff, parents and school community.

Our Vision

In Leicester Islamic Academy every child develops a strong DEEN; a school where your child is:

Development a social and emotional character that is resilient when facing challenges

Educated to achieve their full academic potential and therefore grow to be a responsible British citizen who gives back to society through hard work and service

Encouraged to have an enquiring mind and a problem-solving outlook that allows them to achieve success in their chosen path thus allowing them the ability to serve their family, the Ummah and global society as a 21st Century Muslim

Nurtured to develop a strong Muslim identity that gives them the confidence, beliefs and actions that will lead to success in this life and the hereafter.



Term Dates 25-26

Term No 1A: 39 days	
Schools Open	Tuesday 26 th August 2025
Schools Close	Friday 17 th October 2025
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 th October 2025 to Friday 24 th October 2025

Term No 1B: 40 days	
Schools Open	Monday 27 th October 2025
Schools Close	Friday 19 th December 2025
End of Autumn Term Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026

Term No 2A: 29 days	
Schools Open	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Schools Close	Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 th February 2026 to Friday 20 th February 2026

Term No 2B: 22 days	
Schools Open	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Eid-UI-Fitr Holiday	Wednesday 18 th March – Friday 20 th March 2026
Schools Close	Friday 27 th March 2026
End of Spring Term Holiday	Monday 30 th March 2026 to Friday 10 th April 2026

Term No 3A: 29 days	
Schools Open	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Bank Holiday (schools closed)	Monday 4 th May 2026
Schools Close	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May 2026 to Friday 29 th May 2026

Term No 3B: 30 days	
Schools Open	Monday 1 st June 2026
Schools Close	Friday 10 th July 2026
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 13 th July 2026

189 Pupil Days

Bank Holidays	25 th August 2025	Inset	21 st and 22 nd August 2025
	25 th & 26 th December 2025		5 th Jan 2026
	1 st January 2026	Eid Holidays	18 th , 19 th and 20 th April 2026
	3 rd and 6 th April 2026		
	4 th May 2026		
	25 th May 2026		

School Fees

(Please note a 20% VAT increase will be applicable from Jan 2025. This is included in the amounts below)

Nursery

15 Hours Free Childcare

All 3 to 4 year olds in England can get 15 hours a week free under the government funding scheme.

30 Hours Free Childcare

Some 3 to 4 Year olds are eligible for 30 hours free childcare a week. For further information: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

15 Hours Additional Session

Nursery pupils who do not meet the government criteria for 30 hours free childcare can pay for an additional 15 hours privately (depending on availability).

Reception

Every child entering Reception will need to pay £120 Admission Fee (non-refundable) and £132 Resource fee.

The term after your child turns 5 years old, they will begin to start paying fees. £275.40 fee deposit (refundable with 4 weeks term time written notice that your child will be leaving school). Thereafter £239.40 will be charged a month (till the end of the academic year). All payments should be made by bank transfer. For further information and your unique reference number, please contact the school office.

Year 1 – Year 6

Fees are payable for pupils aged five years of age and over.

Deposits

On accepting a place at LIA the following deposits are payable.

£120.00 Admissions deposit, non-refundable

£275.40 Fee Deposit, refundable with 4 weeks term time written notice of leaving LIA.

Annual Fees

£2754.00 Annual Fees

£132.00 Annual Resources

Payments can be paid by bank transfer, please contact the school for your unique reference number and account details.

Fees can be paid by:

Option 1

£132.00 + £2754.00 on the first day of the academic year.

Option 2

Term 1 - £1,101.60 + £132

Term 2 - £826.20

Term 3 - £826.20

Option 3

£275.40 + £132 1st month

£275.40 following 9 months

All fees are subject to change.

General Information

Ways to contact staff:

Your child's teacher can be contacted via their homework diary, email to admin@lia.uk.net or by telephoning the school 0116 2705343 to arrange an appointment or via Class Dojo.



School times

Key Stage 1 and 2 – 8.15am – 3.10am

Early Years – 8.25am – 2.40pm

Office times

8.00am to 4.00pm

Arrival & Collection

Our school gates will open at 8.05am, 10 minutes prior to school starting. Pupils should be in the playground by 8.15am/8.20am to go to their classrooms. **Please do not leave your child unattended before the school gates open as there is no adult supervision.**

We highly encourage pupils to be in school by 8.12am/8.23am to participate in the morning dua before the start of the day.

Key Stage 1 and 2 and Early Years

If you arrive after the school gates (London Road) have been locked at 8.30am, please use the Stoneygate Road entrance where your child will be registered late by a member of staff.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, you **must** inform the school office on 0116 2705343 by 9.30am on each day your child is absent.

All absences are recorded by the school as either authorised or unauthorised and reported to the DfE.

Get your child off to a good start be 100% here, be punctual and be smart!

Appointments and Holidays

Holidays and absence from school other than illness during term time will be unauthorised. Requests can be made to the Head Teacher for exceptional circumstances.

Appointments should be made after school or during school holidays.

Our target attendance for each child is 95%. This equates to missing a total of 12 school days.

PLEASE REFER TO TERM DATES WHEN BOOKING HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS

School Uniform

Please refer to our School Uniform booklet for further information. Please ensure all items of clothing/belongings are clearly labelled. The school will not accept any responsibility for loss.

Watches

Watches may be worn if responsibility is personally accepted (NO SMART watches or watches WITH CAMERAS).

Jewellery

Jewellery must not be worn apart from stud earrings.

Stud earrings to be removed on P.E days.

Behaviour and Rewards

At LIA we believe that good behaviour is central to the raising of academic standards and to the successful development of our children towards achieving excellence in all aspects of their lives. At LIA we underpin behaviour through the hadith “Actions are judged by intentions”. Through this we make children understand they are responsible for the choices they make with the motto , “ Our actions are a reflection of our choices”.

- Children follow our HEART values in order for them to be on their best behaviour:
 - **H**onesty
 - **E**quality
 - **A**spiration
 - **R**esilience
 - **T**hankfulness

- At LIA good behaviour is **ALWAYS** rewarded through:
 - Stickers
 - Verbal praises
 - Certificates
 - Class assembly trophies
 - Effort chart stickers

As a school, we promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, tolerance and responsibility for each other, and the wider community.

House Groups

Each pupil is assigned to a house (Rahma, Shukr, Salaam and Maghfirah) upon admission. Children are rewarded house points for displaying positive behaviour. Points are totalled at the end of each term and the winning house will be rewarded.

Healthy Eating



As part of LIA's healthy eating campaign, please encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast 'as a good night's sleep followed by food in the morning helps me stay active and concentrate more'.

Pupils are encouraged to bring in fruit or vegetables and water to have during their snack break.

Early Years

Children will be provided with milk and fruit during snack time

Lunch



Nursery

Only full-time children are required to bring a packed lunch **OR** a hot lunch and dessert can be provided for £2.80 per meal. Orders are placed via email to the school office.

Reception

Children are required to bring in a packed lunch **OR** a hot lunch and dessert can be provided for £2.80 per meal. Orders are placed via email to the school office.

Key Stage 1 and 2

Children are required to bring in a packed lunch **OR** a hot lunch and dessert can be provided for £2.81 per meal. Orders are placed via ParentPay. (Please contact school office for more details).

PLEASE ENSURE ALL FOOD IS NUT FREE

Keeping in line with our Healthy Eating policy and encouraging our children to have a balanced diet, children will be able to bring in one of the following as a dessert in their lunch box:

Fruit yoghurt
 Coconut cookie/ Raisin oatmeal cookie
 Fruit salad
 Jam doughnut
 Vanilla cupcake/Iced cupcake
 Flapjack
 Trifle
 Cornflake cake
 Banana and date cake
 Rice krispy cake
 Cake and custard
 Angel delight
 Fruit Jelly
 Baked crisps e.g. sunbites, wotsits, skips, popchips, snack-a-jacks

Friday Treat Day



During the week children are NOT allowed to bring in chocolate bars.

Friday's are treat days where children can bring in **ONE** chocolate.

NO FIZZY DRINKS, CHEWING GUM OR SWEETS

Please note that there will be a £5 charge if a child is caught chewing gum.

WOW Walking

Our school participates in the Living Streets WOW Walking campaign. Children and parents are encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle to school or park and stride (park a few streets away and walk). Children record their journey to school on a tracker daily.

At the end of each month, children receive a badge from Living Streets if they have achieved the monthly target of an active journey each day.

LIA encourages parents **NOT** to park outside the school gates as it causes congestion and is a hazard towards children going into or coming out of school.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS AND DO NOT PARK IN A DISRUPTIVE MANNER.

School Learning

Curriculum

The National Curriculum is followed throughout the school within Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Nursery and Reception follow the Early Years statutory Framework from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Islamic Studies

We believe in developing young Muslims who, along with aspiring academic excellence, also aspire excellence in Islamic knowledge. For this, our school day begins with daily lessons of Qur'an and Islamic Studies. We are certain that inclusion of such lessons will develop love and spirituality in our children throughout our school environment.

To achieve this, we teach synthetic Arabic phonics and segmenting in Early Years with focus on Makharij. In Key Stage 1, we teach the various vowels and joining symbols. By the end of year 2, students will have learnt how to recite an entire verse fluently and correctly. In Key Stage 2, students continue with their Qur'an lessons with extra focus on tajweed. Therefore, children will be able to achieve excellence in fluency and recitation of the Qur'an.

P.E.

At LIA our P.E. lessons take place in our school hall or playground. We have an external company (SFK Multisports) who provide specialist coaches to deliver tailored lessons and keep our pupils active. They cover a broad curriculum which focuses on building, improving and developing core physical skills.



Enrichment Sessions

We believe in developing children to become more resilient and confident through practical and reflective learning through cross-curricular subjects and giving them the cultural capital needed to lead lives as responsible British Muslim Citizens.

Our enrichment sessions aim to plant the seeds of respect and character development in our children's hearts at an early age. This will make it easier for them to seek knowledge about the values of Islam and enable them to become changing mediators in the community.

Sessions take place for Year 1 – Year 6 on Fridays. Each class is given the opportunity to experience different life skills and activities throughout the year.



Homework

Nursery



We send out a weekly newsletter, which informs parents of the topic that will be covered for the week. The newsletter will request an item to be brought in for 'Show & Tell'. The item will be based around the weekly topic. We encourage all children to participate in discussions.

Reception



Homework is given on Thursday and should be handed in on Monday. Reading will take place every week. Parents can support their child by sounding out the letters in their book using the phonetic alphabet.

The weekly newsletter will also provide additional information on 'Show & Tell'.

Home Learning

- Help your child with their phonics.
- Help your child to count and recognise their numbers to 20. Show them how numbers can be presented in different ways e.g. 3 fingers, 2 squares, number 2.
- Help you child learn the Sunnah way of going to the toilet.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2

Homework is given once a week. The class teacher will advise on which specific day it will be given and should be returned. Please refer to your child's school diary.

Reading will take place every week. Parents can support their child by sounding out the letters in their book using the phonetic alphabet and increase comprehension skills through questioning.

Key Stage 2

Year 3 and 4

Homework is given twice a week:

- Monday to be returned to school on Friday (this starts in Term 1B)
- Friday to be returned on Monday

Reading will take place every week. Parents can support their child by sounding out the letters in their book using the phonetic alphabet and increase comprehension skills through questioning.

Year 5 and 6

Homework is given three times a week:

- Monday to be returned to school on Wednesday
- Wednesday to be returned to school on Friday
- Friday to be returned to school on Monday

Islamic Studies

Success in all studies is based on a tri-party relationship between teachers, pupils, and parents/carers. As with all subjects, progression in Qur'an and Qa'idah is subject to learning and revising at home. Parents/carers should help children at home and ensure that they are revising their daily Qur'an/Qa'idah lesson. Likewise, please ensure that children have their Qur'an/Qa'idah with them when leaving for school in the morning.

Replacement of lost books will incur additional costs:

Exercise Books/Homework Diaries - £3.00

Reading Book - £5.00

Islamic Studies Books - £6.00

CGP Book - £3.00



After School Provisions

SFK Multisports – After School Club Programme

SFK Multisports provides After School Care based around sports. The primary focus is multi-sports with a range of sports including football, dodgeball, basketball, cricket, bench ball and others. The club runs from 3:15pm to 4:30pm and they offer a late pick up service up until 5pm. The club runs for students in Year 1 to Year 6 – however they will consider children from Reception on a case by case basis. Bookings are termly and online and they will send out email correspondence once the term bookings go live.

If you have any enquiries, please find their contact details below:

Telephone: 0116 4826931

Email: enquiries@sfmtsports.co.uk

LIA Gems

LIA Gems Nursery provides pre-school (8.00am -8.30am) and after school care (2.45pm - 6.00pm) for children aged 4-8. Sessions are pre-booked and charged at an hourly rate.

For more information please contact:

Telephone: 0116 2969660

Email: manager.gems@lia.uk.net

Early Years Afterschool Care

For pupils in Early Years who have siblings in Year 1 – Year 6, there is an afterschool care provision with a £1 charge per day. Please contact the school office for more details.

PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO NURSERY AND RECEPTION PUPILS WITH SIBLINGS IN KS1/KS2.

