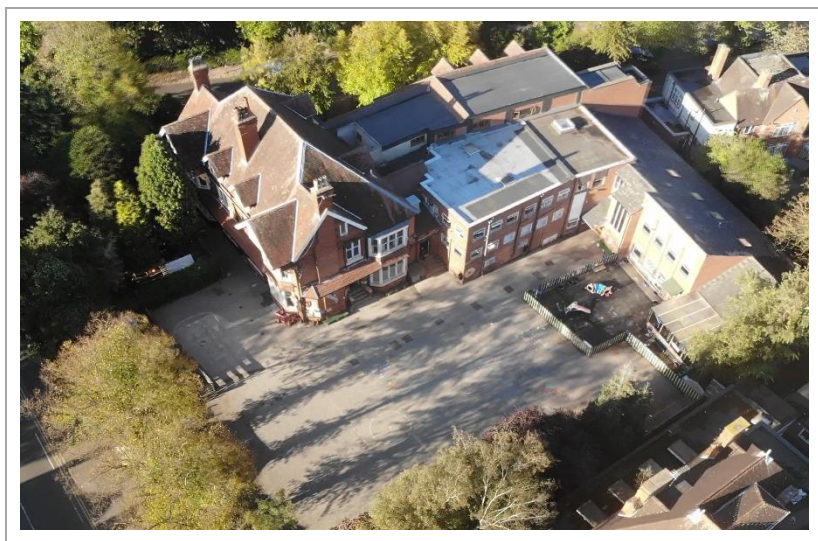


Welcome to Early Years



LEICESTER ISLAMIC ACADEMY

Academic Year 2021/2022

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Our School

The 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 endeavor to provide a journey that fosters true iman in the hearts and minds of our pupils, staff, parents and school community.

The 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.

Tips for starting school

What to Include?

The period before a child starts school can be an anxious time for parents. We have put together some information on how you can best prepare your child for this exciting chapter of their lives.

Promoting Independence

Your child will benefit from being as independent as possible when they start school. Children feel a real sense of achievement when they can accomplish things by themselves! For example, putting on their coat and shoes.

Another important part of being independent at school is being able to use the **toilet independently**, including washing and drying their hands. It will also be helpful if they are able to blow their nose on a tissue and put it in the bin.

Our Early Years staff will always be at hand to support and guide your child.

Play games

As parents you play a vital role in the education of your child. As the time for school approaches, be positive about starting school. Play games together e.g. eye spy, snakes and ladders, snap.

Help your child to recognise numbers and letters from everyday life e.g. their favorite cereal, letters in their name.

Getting Ready for School

It is nearly time to start school! Here are some things you

Self-Care and Independence

- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
- I can use the toilet.
- I am learning to dress/undress – this will help me change for PE.
- I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.

Playing with Others



- I join in games and activities with other people.
- I can share and take turns.

Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.



Eating and

1. I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
2. I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
3. I can drink from a water bottle, carton or



Numbers

- I can count a small number of items.
- I like singing number rhymes or songs.
- I am learning to say numbers to ten.
- I can recognise some numbers.

Reading and Writing

- I can recognise/read my name.
- I can hold a pencil to draw.
- I am learning to write my name.
- I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.



General Information

Ways to contact staff:

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



School times

The normal school day starts at 8.25am and ends at 2.40pm.

Nursery AM Session: 8.25am to 11.30pm

Nursery PM Session: 11.30pm to 2.40pm

Arrival & Collection

Arrival 8.25am and collection is at 2.40pm. At these times Nursery pupils arrive and depart from the school playground. Our school gates will open 10minutes prior to these timings.

11.30am: Nursery pupils will need to enter from the Nursery entrance located at the side of the school on Stonegate Road.

If you arrive after the school gates have been locked at 8.30pm or after 11.35pm please go to the main office, where your child will be registered by a member of the office staff.

Please be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child. The school does operate a late collection charge for pupils who are not collected within 10 minutes of the end of session/school.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, you **must** inform the school office by telephoning 0116 2705343 by 9.30am. You must also send in a letter giving a reason for any absence.

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!

Routine Appointments & Holidays

Holidays and absences from school other than illness during term time are discouraged and will be unauthorised. Requests can be made to the Head teacher for exceptional circumstances.

Appointments should be made for after school or during school holidays.

School Learning

Curriculum

The school follows the National Curriculum with our Early Years classes following 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 and spirituality. For this, our school day will now consist of daily lessons on Qur'an and Islamic Studies. We are certain that inclusion of such lessons will create spirituality in our young children and in our school. To achieve this, we will begin by teaching synthetic Arabic phonics and segmenting in Early years with focus on makharij. In KS1, we will then 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 KS2, students will continue with their Qur'an lessons with extra focus on tajweed. We are determined in delivering and in achieving excellence for the recitation of the Qur'an.

Learning Journal

Within the Early Years much of children's learning is assessed through observations. In order to track your child's learning and provide evidence we may need to take pictures of your child whilst they work and play. These records are solely for the use of your child's records.

Homework

Nursery



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

Reception



Homework is given on Wednesday 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.

Behaviour & Rewards

At LIA we believe that good behavior 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.

Children follow the five golden rules in order for them to be on their best behaviour.

- Respect
- Listening
- Keeping safe
- Taking care of each other and items
- Enjoy learning

At LIA good behaviour is ALWAYS rewarded:

- Stickers
- Class assembly trophies
- Verbal praises
- Effort chart stickers

We as a Muslim school promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, tolerance and responsibility for each other, and wider community.

Group Rewards

Each pupil is assigned to a House upon admission. As part of the school's tarbiyah programme on 'Positive Behaviour', a system has been introduced that allows pupils to earn house points/Class Dojo points for their individual houses.

Healthy Eating

Healthy Eating Campaign



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

During snack break your child will receive fruit/vegetables and milk.

Friday Treat Day

During the week **NO** sweets, cakes, crisps, fizzy drinks or chocolate are allowed in school.

Friday's are treat days where they can bring in **ONE** of the above.



Lunch

Only full time children are required to bring a packed lunch.



Stay & Play

We would like to invite parents and carers to our weekly 'Stay & Play'. This is an opportunity to spend time to play, create and read with your child in their classroom setting.

Wednesday 8.30am to 8.50am (Nursery & Reception)

Thursday 11.30am to 11.50am (Nusery PM session only)

Play and learn together to improve attachments, strengthen bonds and your child's overall development.

*These sessions are only for the attendance of parents and carers, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate siblings.

* Sessions will only take place if government/covid guidelines allow.

WOW Walking



Our school is participating in the Walk to School campaign. Children and parents are encouraged to walk to school or park and stride. Teachers have a tracker to record how your child comes into school.

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

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 Fees

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 £100 Admission Fee (non-refundable).

The term after your child turns 5 years old, they will begin to start paying fees. £229.50 fee deposit (refundable with 4 weeks term time written notice that your child will be leaving school). Thereafter £229.50 will be charged a month (10 months). All payments should be made by bank transfer. For further information and your unique reference number, please contact the school office.

Term Dates 2021/2022

* Eid-ul-Fitr is anticipated to be on Tuesday 3rd May 2022, when the school will be closed, this is subject to the sighting of the moon and is subject to change.*
Eid-ul-Adha will fall in the summer holiday 2022.

* Please note that whilst unlikely, the school term and holiday dates 2021/ 2022 remain subject to change.

LIA 21/22 Term Dates

Term 1A:		Days	
School Open	Mon 23 rd August 2021	39	
School Close	Fri 15 th October 2021		
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Mon 18 th October – Fri 22 nd October 2021		
Term 1B:		Days	
School Open	Mon 25 th October 2021	40	
School Close	Fri 17 th December 2021		
End of Autumn Term Holiday	Mon 20 th December 2021 – Mon 3 rd January 2022		
Term 2A:		Days	
School Open	Wed 5 th January 2022	28	
School Close	Fri 11 th February 2022		
Spring Half Term Holiday	Mon 14 th February – Fri 18 th February 2022		
Term 2B:		Days	
School Open	Mon 21 st February 2022	35	
School Close	Fri 8 th April 2022		
End of Spring Term Holiday	Mon 11 th April – Fri 22 nd April 2022		
Term 3A:		Days	
School Open	Mon 25 th April 2022	23	
Eid-ul-Fitr Holiday	Tue 3 rd May 2022*		
School Close	Fri 27 th May 2022		
Summer Half Term Holiday	Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June 2022		
Term 3B:		Days	
School Open	Mon 6 th June 2022	25	
School Close	Fri 8 th July 2022		
Summer Holiday Begins	Mon 11 th July 2022		
Total number of school days		190	
Bank Holidays	30 th August 2021 25 th December 2021 27 th & 28 th December 2021 3 rd January 2022 15 th & 16 th April 2022 2 nd May 2022, 2 nd June 2022	Inset Days	19 th & 20 th August 2021 4 th January 2022

Who we are

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 LIA school journey in Year 6 with excellent academic skills and an Islamic education based on the Quran and the 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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