



MADANI Academy

An Islamic Primary School in Portsmouth

prospectus 2015/2016

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Welcome to Madani Academy Primary School

As-salamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh (May the peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be with you)

Madani Academy Primary School is the first independent Islamic faith school in Portsmouth. We opened in September 2014 with classes Year 1 to Year 4 (5-8 year olds). We provide a curriculum based on the Department of Education's National Curriculum, informed and supplemented by Qur'anic, Islamic and Arabic Studies.

Our institution is designed to provide a model example of education with a distinctive Islamic paradigm congruent with mainstream Muslim experience in British society. Our aspiration is to provide the highest quality of education in a safe and Islamic environment. We encourage excellence in academic and moral development in order to give our pupils the opportunity to reach their full potential. We hope to set a strong foundation for our future generations, Insha'Allah.

We were visited by Ofsted, only 16 weeks after we opened, in February 2015. Our Ofsted report is available to read on our website. Since our Ofsted inspection, we have targeted our areas for improvement and have already seen the results in all aspects of the school. We are improving and developing every day.

I am tremendously proud to lead a dedicated and hardworking team. Our priority is our pupils and my team and I strive to provide them the highest standard of education at all times. I am extremely proud of the progress we have made since opening just a year ago.

If you would also like to visit our school, please contact us and we will be happy to make the arrangements.

Best Regards

Handwritten signature of Luthfur Rahman

Luthfur Rahman
Headteacher

about our school

our mission - to deliver high quality education and services within a secure Islamic environment. Our pupils should enjoy a positive school experience and achieve to their full potential. All children will leave school being mindful of their accountability to Allah, be confident in their identity as Muslims and have a keen desire to make a worthwhile contribution to the social, political and economical well-being of the community.

our values - the foundation of our values is based upon the Holy Quran and the teachings of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). We are committed to inculcating our students with the principles of justice, equality, tolerance and respect for others.

Excellence in ...

- morality
- education
- spirituality
- manners

Aspire to ...

- embark on a quest for knowledge
- make a positive contribution to society
- develop a lifelong passion for learning
- attain full potential

Responsibility to ...

- Allah SWT
- family
- society
- country
- humanity

Respect ...

- and carry ourselves with the dignity expected of a Muslim
- others and their rights'
- laws of the land
- all races, religions and ways of life
- equality and diversity

our values - *a school of **excellence, innovation and engagement***

Insha'Allah, in the near future, Madani Academy Primary School will emerge as one of the leading schools in the UK. We will be recognised and valued within our local and wider communities for our role in developing outstanding young people with a willingness to serve their community.

To achieve our vision, the school place emphasis on:

- providing a caring and supportive environment for our pupils, aiding them to develop them spiritually, morally, academically and socially according to the Quran and Sunnah
- setting standards of excellence in teaching and learning
- a well designed curriculum which challenges, excites and inspires all pupils to achieve their best
- promoting community cohesion through school activities and extended school services
- identifying and collaborating with other schools, training providers and community groups

about our school

school grounds

The school building is large, modern and spacious with three floors. At present, we are only using the west wing of the ground and first floor of the building. We have three classrooms, an assembly and prayer room, a lunch room and an ICT room. We plan to expand as the school grows, Insha'Allah.

We have extensive grounds with hard surface areas and a spacious playing field. We plan to furnish our playground in the near future, Insha'Allah.

facilities and resources

Access to good facilities and resources is of paramount importance in supporting and enhancing student learning. Availability and access to learning materials of the highest standard will facilitate students to achieve to their full potential. InshaAllah, concerted efforts are being exercised to make arrangements for the best possible facilities and resources in accordance with the financial ability of the school.

classrooms

Each classroom is furnished with suitable desks and chairs. Each teacher's desk is fitted with laptop and whiteboard to enhance students learning process. Our classrooms are lively and stimulating, with pupils works often on display to engage them and develop a sense of pride in their work.

ICT room

At Madani Academy Primary School we acknowledge that computing and e-learning makes a huge contribution to all aspects of school life, for pupils, staff, parents and the wider community, in this ever changing technological world. Pupil use ICT tools to find, explore, analyse, exchange and present information in responsible and creative ways using our ICT room.

extended school services

It is imperative for the school to develop a range of programmes that will help raise student achievement, support families and build bridges between communities. To achieve this, consultation will take place with parents and the local community to deliver a programme that meets the local needs. The school will regularly inform parents and the wider community of the availability of activities as extended school services.



our curriculum

Our Curriculum is based upon the DfE’s National Curriculum for England, enriched with Islamic values and teachings. The aim of our curriculum is to provide opportunities for all our pupils to learn and achieve; to promote pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

Pupils study the following subjects from the **Department for Education’s National Curriculum for England** (some topics are also covered in our Islamic Curriculum);

English	Mathematics	Science
History (including Islamic History)	ICT	Music (Nasheed)
Geography	Physical Education	Modern Languages (Arabic)
Art (including Islamic art)	Design and Technology	Religious Education

* Pupils also study the additional subject of PSHE.

islamic education - We have an extensive curriculum for Islamic education. Seven sessions of Islamic topics are taught weekly, along with one Arabic language session a week. A religious assembly is held as a school two times a week and all pupils pray in congregation each day. The Islamic topics which are taught are;

Aqidah (theology)	Akhlaaq (manners)	Quran (reading and tajweed, memorising and understanding)
Seerah (biography) of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) & Hadiths	Ibadah (worship) & Duas	Fiqh

tarbiyah

The school has developed a Tarbiyah programme in order to instil the teaching of Islam into the lives of pupils and staff. The programme focuses on the following

- worshipping Allah
- practicing Sunnah
- duties and responsibilities towards family, community and country
- personal development of Islam, Iman and Ihsan.



other information

attendance and punctuality

School hours are 9:00am to 3:30pm Monday to Thursday and 9:00am to 12:00pm on Friday. Parents and guardians are expected to bring children in before school starts and not earlier than 8:40am. Please ensure your child is not late for school. Children who are late are asked to report to the school office on arrival. Any late attendances will be recorded on the end of year reports to parents. Pupils must be collected immediately after the school day has ended and not later than 3:45pm Mon—Thurs and 12:15pm on Friday. There are no arrangements, staff or supervised/safe places to keep children who have not been collected on time.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please telephone the school office before 9:30am to let us know. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea we ask that he/she does not return to school for 48 hours as this type of illness can be very infectious.

It is essential that pupils maintain full attendance throughout their programme of study. From 1 September 2013 new DfE regulations have come into force regarding leave of absence for children from school. The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of the leave. Poor attendance or punctuality could result in a referral to the Local Authority's Education Welfare Department.

first aid

Basic first aid is given at school when necessary by qualified First Aiders. If an accident needs hospital attention we will make every effort to contact parents. We ask parents to ensure all contact details are kept up-to-date so that we can contact you in an emergency. All injuries are recorded.

medical and other issues

When children start school, parents are asked to complete a form outlining any medical history including any allergies suffered, that we should be aware of. It is important that this record including contact details is kept up-to-date.

safeguarding

We have a Safeguarding Policy which explains how the school works to ensure that children are thriving and safe. We take safeguarding and the protection of children very seriously. If we have any concerns about a child's welfare, it is the Headteacher's responsibility to contact Social Services. If you have any concerns about the well-being of a child please inform us in confidence immediately.

health and safety

The school ensures that it maintains a safe and secure environment for all children by taking seriously its responsibilities as set out by the DfE.

Risk assessments are carried out for all areas of the school open to pupil use and for all school trips. Fire drills take place twice a term, as well as annual checks and electrical testing. The school building meets all current regulations for Health & Safety. Pupils are supervised throughout the school and on school trips to ensure their welfare, health and safety.

All members of the school's staff have been vetted by the governmental Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). We take our safeguarding commitments to pupils and families very seriously.

other information

assessment and reporting

Your child's progress will be monitored through:

- Regular half-termly or termly teacher assessment and end of term tests in numeracy and reading
- Tests in the summer term using the optional SATS tests in Maths and English for years three, four and five
- Regular reading sessions, spelling tests and times tables tests (when appropriate)

We will send mid-year and end of year progress reports home to parents.

parents' evenings

Parents' evenings will be held twice a year. The first will be held in the last week of the first half-term of each new academic year. The purpose at this meeting is to share your child's learning targets so that you may support him/her working towards achieving them. The second is held at the end of spring term and after mid-year reports are sent home, to allow the opportunity to discuss the progress of your child and the support he/she may still require to meet his/her targets.

behaviour management and discipline

It is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community, whose values are built on Islamic values such as mutual trust and respect for all. The school behavior and discipline policy is therefore designed to support a way in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure. The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others. Islamic teachings encourage positive behaviour in children and this is continually reinforced. The school rewards good behaviour, as it believes that this will develop an ethos of kindness and co-operation. Our policy is designed to promote good behaviour, rather than merely deter anti-social behaviour through the use of the Star of the Week, the Behaviour Ladder and Golden Time. I

complaints

Any complaints about school matters should be first discussed with class teachers or brought to the attention of the Headteacher. If parents are worried about any aspect of their child's education or experience at school, they should make an appointment through the school office to see the class teacher.

If discussing the problem with your child's teacher does not resolve your concerns and parents wish to take the matter further, they should make an appointment to see the Headteacher. The Headteacher will try to see parents straight away but if that is not possible, the school will ask parents to make an appointment through the school office, Insha'Allah.

other information

school uniform

What a child wears to school reflects his/her learning. It also portrays the school's ethos and shared values. Our school uniform is strictly compulsory.

girls

Madani Academy cardigan/sweatshirt
White polo shirt OR white blouse
Grey sleeveless pinafore OR grey skirt
Plain white hijab
Grey tights
Black Shoes

*Pupils should not come into school wearing leggings

boys

Madani Academy sweatshirt
White polo shirt OR white shirt
Black trousers
White topi(cap)
Black or grey socks
Black shoes

PE uniform

White t-shirt
Black tracksuits
Black plimsolls OR trainers

All items of uniform should be clearly named.
Jewellery, other than watches, are not permitted and only studs or sleepers are to be worn in pierced ears.

lunch and snacks

As we do not cater for hot school meals right now, pupils should bring in a healthy packed lunch. All packed lunches must be brought in a plastic container or lunch box with the child's name clearly marked on the outside. Lunches must be healthy. Sweets, chocolates, crisp and foods containing high proportions of sugar, fat and salt are not allowed.

Drinks besides water and pure juice are not permitted and will be thrown away.

Parents may provide their children with a snack for break, however we request that you do not send your child with chocolates, crisps or sweets of any kind.

Milk and biscuits are provided at break for £1.50 weekly. This can be paid at the beginning of a term or weekly.



joining the school

admission

Pupils’ needs vary according to their age. We only accept children for each year group, who are the following age on the 1st of September of the year of admission:

- Year 1 class - age 5
- Year 2 class - age 6
- Year 3 class - age 7
- Year 4 class - age 8
- Year 5 class - age 9

the procedure

An application for your child can be requested from the school office. Once we have received your application, you will receive a response from us within two weeks. As we have only 45 places and certain classes can only take on a certain number of children, we cannot assure you that your child will definitely be given a place. We will be allocating places on a first come first serve basis, so we encourage parents interested in sending their children to our school to contact us as soon as possible, Insha’Allah.

school fees

School Fees for Madani Academy Primary School from September 2015

Beginning of the Academic Year	£2,000	Per annum
OR		
Beginning of each term	£680	Per term
Registration (non-refundable)	£25	

* A discount may be offered for the admission of a second child or more at the school.

parents

We welcome parents and carers into Madani Academy Primary School believing we are partners in the education of your children. There are many opportunities for parents to become involved in the life of the school and to gain a greater understanding of its work. Parents’ support and expertise can be used in many ways and is greatly valued. DBS checks are carried on all adults working in the school, including regular volunteers. If you are able to help, please talk to the Head Teacher.

Our school has a Home School Agreement to support the partnership between home and school, and foster shared dialogue.

essential information 2015/2016

staffing

Everyone who works at Madani Academy Primary School has an important part to play and is a valued member of staff.

HEADTEACHER LEADER OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

Luthfur Rahman
Moulana Ajmal Khan

TEACHING STAFF

Year 1/2
Year 3/4
Year 5
Islamic Studies and Arabic

Maxine Miller
Sarah Al-Romaithi
Natasha Allum
Moulana Ajmal Khan

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Year 1/2
Year 3/4
Year 5

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Fatima Wahid

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School Administrator

Salma Rahman



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other information

Type & Age Range Primary School
5 to 9 Years
Independent Islamic faith
school

Number on School Roll 18

School Hours

Mon—Thurs Morning 09.00 - 12.50
Afternoon 13.30 - 15.30
Friday Morning 09.00 - 12.00

term times

School dates are designated with the local education authority school calendar and the Islamic calendar in mind. The school is closed for Muslim festivals and public holidays. Mirroring local authority guidelines, we have 190 school days and up to 5 days of staff in-service training in each academic year. The school calendar is distributed to parents in advance of the start of each new school year.

the school day

08:40am	School doors open <i>Children may arrive from this time</i>
09:00am	Start of school day
10:50am	Playtime
11:10am	Back to classes
12:50pm	Lunch
01:30pm	Zuhr Salah
01:50pm	Start of afternoon session
03:30pm	End of school day



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