

Minutes of Fathers Meeting 14th November

Attendees: 23 Fathers including School Head Teacher, Mufti Abdullah Sb, & Governors

Opening

Mufti Abdullah Sb opened the session with dua and prologue of unifying thought.

Introduction, Shahid bhai

Summation and reminiscence of original fathers group back in 2006 striving to attain the primary school with the help of Mufti sb. With faith and effort the school has now grown to year 4. Recent Ofsted report details the school and infrastructure with good approval rating. Ethos of school with spiritual goal has growing reputation with excellent results. The need necessitates a school for Boys Secondary Education facility following on from primary education. Girls already have an established & very successful Al-Ashraf branded secondary school.

Free Schools

Under the incentive of current government initiative to fund free schools, an application to the 'New schools Network' has been submitted to gain the support and advice in regard to our intention. The feedback shows the need to restructure the application. Henceforth, a 'steering group' is needed in order to stream the application process and to see it thru to fruition.

Steering Group

From feedback already received from the NSN, the steering group will need to quantify community support by reaching out to the catchment area, identifying premises and show demand for a faith school.

Timescales for the formation of the group is imminent and the group must take co-ordinate and to hold regular meetings amongst themselves and the wider community to gauge interest. A business plan, including company formation, ltd status and full accountancy can be arranged with dialog and consultation with the Al-Madani Educational Trust.

Steering Group members (not complete)

1. Ahmed Jadwat
3. Mohammed Patel
4. Amjad Farouq
5. Jahangir Rashid
6. Ahmed Ginwalla

Comments/Questions from Fathers

1. **Are the members of the 'steering group' required to be academics in the teaching/education field?** *No*
2. **Will the boys' school has an Islamic ethos and are there any implications with regard to going free school funding?**

Yes, we hope to retain the ethos, whilst maintaining the single sex character of the school. It is our intention a Islamic moral code of practise is established in the school.

3. **Is the primary school going to follow the free funding route?**

It is planned to follow this application and assess its success. However, only after the boys school is up and running will this then give light to questions on other schools managed by Al-Madani Educational Trust.

4. **Will we get support for the school in the community?**

Being a funded faith school, will mean there are greater opportunities for community parents to support us. Also the school will be quality driven to attain similar successful targets as the current schools.

Ofsted Report Review

A brief discussion took place on some of the points of the ofsted report.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who took part or contributed to the recent sponsored fast, last years bike ride and other ladies only food events. Ideas were given by fathers for late December meal days, Five-aside event to incorporate fundraising.

General Questions

1. Can the times of the school be changed to allow the children leave early to rest to go to evening madrasah?
The school continues to offers 90mins madressah studies as part of the school day.
2. What is Gloucester Aid doing? Working to help paint and decorate the playground and car park.
3. When is the next fathers meeting?
Soon after the results of the steering group, next term

The meeting was concluded with a thank you to all attendees and dua.

Jaza Khalla Khair
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