

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful*

## **Approaches to creating Islamic ethos in Nottingham Islamia School**

The following activities, prayers and devices are used by the teachers and the School to create an Islamically rich environment in their classes.

- 1) Begin with praise of Allah and Salah and salaam on the Prophet (saw).
- 2) End all lessons with surah Al-Fatihah with whole class.
- 3) Mentioning suitable ayaat and Ahadith at appropriate occasions linked to subject being studied.
- 4) The promoting of good and forbidding of evil in daily school life.
- 5) Remembrance of Sunnah acts where these can be applied in school and at home.
- 6) Mentoring the students both in and outside of class time.
- 7) Appointing ameers for each class to hand out and collect papers or questions I pose to the class.
- 8) Greeting with Salam and listening to each other.
- 9) In literacy lessons if a story comes up or any moral, relate it with an Islamic story or moral.
- 10) In science talk about Allah the Creator, made us, plants, environment etc. Link with Arabic words.
- 11) In art, wonder at the colours that Allah made. Creature or plants of different colours.
- 12) Eating in class with the children and demonstrating manners of eating.
- 13) Before starting their lunch they all read the dua together aloud.
- 14) While having their lunch they listen to nasheeds.
- 15) During handwriting sessions or art sessions the CD player is kept on and they listen to nasheeds.
- 16) At the end of the day we practice the four Quls.
- 17) Constant reminder about the akhirah.
- 18) Putting up the Islamic date besides the English date.
- 19) Ensuring that they pray their five daily prayers and ensure that other members of the household do as well. By keeping a Salah diary.
- 20) Ensuring that the pupil understand the reason for existence and understand who they are; Making pupils aware that Allah is forever watching them by mentioning Allah's names; Aleem, Same'e, Baseer etc.
- 21) Smiling and being gentle all the time.
- 22) When a child sneezes I say 'Yarhamo kallah' aloud (Allah bless you).