

Wednesday 8th May 2019

Assalaamualaikum,

RE: OFSTED INSPECTION OUTCOME

Dear Parents

Ramadhaan Kareem. I pray you and your family are well and enjoying the blessings of Ramadhaan. May Allah grant us strength to make the most out of this blessed month. Ameen.

As you are aware, the school was inspected by OFSTED between 19-21 March. It was a standard inspection combined with the material change request we made for making our existing school a single gender (girls) school. Separately, on 21 October we had a pre-registration inspection for the new boys' school application.

Alhamdulilah, I am pleased to inform you that the new boys' school registration inspection went well. We expect the DfE to finalise the new registration very soon. You will find the report on our school website from today.

As for the standard inspection (carried out between 19-21 March): The lead inspector informed me at the very start of the inspection that due to separatingboys and girls the inspection grade will be 'Requires Improvement'. I have enclosed a letter received last month from the DfE explaining this judgement.

You will note from the inspection report and the DfE letter that this outcome is not based on anything else but our current separation of girls and boys. The report clearly highlights the following strengths;

- Teaching and Learning is good.
- Outcomes for children are well- above the National Average and is good.
- Our students are respectful, tolerant, caring, role models. Behaviour is good.
- Our Safeguarding is good.
- Our assessment and monitoring of progress and attainment is good.
- Our Nursery Provision is Good.

We do need to ensure we challenge our more-able students and that we better equip our teachers with great questioning techniques to help students with their understanding. This, we already knew (pre-inspection) and have already begun work on these two points.

I am pleased that OFTSED identified many positive attributes of our school. Most of all; I was pleased with the recognition our students received for modelling the best of Islamic and British values. We are a very outward looking community school and I commend our pupils for their efforts.

Of course, our Governing Body have taken the steps needed to ensure we are in compliance with the Equalities Act. These will begin from September 2019.

Both OFSTED reports are on our website from today. If you wish to have a hard copy, please make a request to Administration.

Wasalaam and Duas

Suhayl Lee Head teacher

rt of the Al Risalah Education Trust Scho