



# Saturday Islamic School

Providing quality Islamic education to children aged 6 to 15 years since 1990  
as a project of the East London Mosque.

## Essential information for parents

### Parental contribution (fees) paid before the pandemic

Most parents paid the full contribution (fees) for their child before classes were suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The contribution paid by the parents include three aspects as SIS unlike other similar schools do not make separate charges for these:

1. Administration and enrolment fees (e.g. admission fee, assessment materials and cost)
2. Cost of learning resources and materials (e.g. Arabic study books, Qur'an texts, exercise books, photocopied extracts for Islamic Studies, and Qur'an CDs etc.)
3. Tuition cost

The approximate admin and enrolment cost is £15. The cost of the learning resources is approximately £30 (£60 for LMC students). The yearly tuition cost is £105 (termly tuition cost is approximately £35).

SIS is a non-profit making organisation and benefits hugely from the contributions that partner schools (Bow School; Mulberry Academy Shoreditch; LMC/Maryam Centre; Stepney Green School; and St Paul's Way Trust) make in kind. Parental contribution (fees) for SIS classes is nominal and non-refundable.

However, as SIS classes were suspended from the end of March 2020, parents who **wish** can request a refund of one-term's tuition fee which is £35. The other costs are a one-off and not spread over three terms.

### Which class will my child study in September

SIS will prioritise the learning needs of pupils who used to attend SIS before the pandemic. In September, pupils will be placed in the class above which they were in March 2020. For example, a child who was in Class 2 will be placed in Class 3. However, the syllabus will be adjusted to ensure that key learning from Class 1 which was missed during the summer term is covered.

The gaps in children's learning may be very different. The school may have to move pupils to ensure that the learning offered is matched to their needs. Any adjustments required will be made in September and parents will be kept informed as necessary.

We request that parents avoid discussing classes with their children and focus on their learning needs. We know that we will receive full parental support to ensure that we can take the necessary steps to ensure that children are back on track at SIS with their learning, insha Allah.

New pupils will be placed in classes according to their age and learning needs.

## Start of classes in September

Children will resume their classes from Saturday 11 September 2021, insha Allah. Saturday 4 September will be used for staff training and risk assessment. The start and finish time for the branches will be as follows:

- Bow School – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- Mulberry Academy Shoreditch – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- LMC/Maryam Centre – 9:45 AM to 2:45 PM
- Stepney Green School – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- St Paul's Way Trust – 9:15 AM to 2:45 PM

We request that all parents discuss good hygiene with their children. Please ensure that your child makes wudu before coming to SIS and washes their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. We request that all parents maintain social distancing and wear a face covering when dropping and collecting their children until further notice.



## What children need for the classes in September

Children starting SIS for the first time will be provided with an SIS bag on 11 September. Existing pupils should attend with their SIS bags – please ensure that the bags are empty and has been washed. A new SIS bag can be purchased at a cost on £5 each depending on stock availability.

Children will be provided with all the resources that they need. However, they need to bring own stationery (e.g. pencil, pen, ruler etc.).

Children need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes with socks (no sandals without straps). Children also need to bring a healthy packed lunch. Kindly note that there will be no tuck-shop to minimise the spread of Coronavirus as part of the school's risk assessment.

If your child has to take a medication, then kindly ensure that you give the medication to a staff member at the branch with written instructions. Children must not be given medication in their bags without informing staff members. This includes asthma pumps and other regular medications as well as one-offs. If your child has a food allergy, then also ensure that this is communicated in writing to the branch in-charge.

## What if my child is not well or my family is self-isolating

Children who are not well must not attend SIS to protect themselves and others. Please inform the branch using the normal communication process e.g. SIS diary. If your family is self-isolating, then kindly inform SIS by a text or an email – details on the back of the SIS diary.

In accordance with the school policy, parents are requested to obtain the contact details of another pupil in their child's class. This will ensure that any missed learning can be easily obtained. Parents were welcome to email the school for further guidance.

## The SIS Offer

SIS is a non-profit making, independent school. Parents are requested to consider the offer before accepting a place for their child.

### What SIS offers...

- Learning about Islam with understanding and acquiring skills needed for a British Muslim.
- Learning which is matched to age and developmental stage.
- Opportunities for academic and social development.
- Learning based on the SIS Syllabus which has been developed and tested over the last 25 years.
- Strong 50/50 partnership with home (please see page 2). Support from parents is essential for pupils to make good progress.
- All learning resources provided without extra cost.
- Children taught in an average class of 20-25 pupils. All pupils moving forward together at a steady pace and covering the curriculum over an academic year.
- Children having to grasp the required learning before moving to the next class.

### What SIS does not offer....

- SIS does not teach the memorisation of the whole Qur'an or the study of all fiqh (please see SIS syllabus for more details).
- SIS does not provide online, remote learning. Please see page 10 for details of what to do if your child is absent from school.
- Learning offered is tailored for the needs of the class and not for each individual child.
- SIS charges nominal financial contribution from parents which is non-refundable.
- SIS does not receive any grants/funding other than the nominal parental contribution. The school decides its own policies with consultation as necessary.
- The school has no obligation to offer anything other than what is including in the above offer.

## Notes