



Parent's Pack

Information Pack for Parents

'Organic, Spiritual, Play'

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Happy Children Nursery Arabic Madrassa

We would like to welcome you to Happy Children Nursery Arabic Madrassa.

Within this parent pack you will find information on our policies and procedures that promote good practice, as well as our facilities and the care we provide in a safe and stimulating environment.

Our Vision

To foster an environment that allows each child to learn organically and working together with their families to provide a holistic approach to learning.

Our Mission

To create a child-centred learning environment which is underpinned by the spiritual well-being of each child; focusing on children's interests as well as the environment that surrounds them.

Our Philosophy / Core Values

Spiritual

The world is best experienced in its natural form. We believe that the child's first experience with the world around them will go on to have a profound influence upon their lives. Thus we aim to develop a space which allows our children to engage in that which is organic, pure and natural.

Organic

The Islamic worldview places great emphasis on mankind being God's khalifah (custodian upon earth). We aim through stories and other methods to teach children how to respect, love and take care of the earth they live upon, cultivating within them a desire to truly become custodians, fulfilling the trust they have been given.

Through inspiring them with stories of prophets and saintly figures that fulfilled the trust through a careful concern for animals and the environment, we believe that it will serve to shape and infuse greater meaning in our children, nurturing their souls and causing them to love and care for the earth and all that lives and grows upon it.

Play

“Play with them for seven (years)”
Saying of Imam `Ali b. Abi Talib

Play is an organic and natural means in which children understand the world around them, arousing within them a desire to learn about it, understand it and communicate with it effectively. Guided by prophetic principles, Happy Children Nursery places great emphasis upon child-centred play until the age of seven. Our approach is a holistic one, concentrating on the process of learning and not just the product.

Our Setting

Human beings are environmental by nature, they are very much products of all that takes place around them. In order to thrive, a child must be happy and content inwardly, thus our learning environment places great emphasis on this happiness that we believe to be every child's right.

Revolving around three fundamentals: The Spiritual, The Organic and Play; we aim to take care of our children's emotional as well as physical needs. Nurturing each child with play that is meaningful and an environment that reflects the world around them, we feel that children will grow and develop as confident individuals.

Opening Hours

The Arabic Madrassa is open from 4:30pm – 6:30pm, Monday – Thursday, for 38 weeks in the year (same as the local school terms).

We offer only 2 day sessions per child. Your child may attend either a Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. If your child is off on their allocated days unfortunately we are not able to swap the missed session for another day.

The Arabic Language

Research shows that the earlier a child learns a language the easier it is for them to grasp it, with most children having the innate capacity to master at least four languages before the age of seven.

We are intent upon blending the Arabic language into each child's learning experience. Keeping to our ethos of being child-centric, we aim to teach Arabic through the introduction of songs, the learning of numbers, colours, shapes, fruits and vegetables as well as having members of staff using both Arabic and English to give simple instructions to our children.

We believe introducing the Arabic language through play will significantly enrich our children's intellectual and spiritual faculties and instil within them a profound love for this noble language.

Curriculum

The Madrassa will focus on 2 areas of learning; Arabic language and Islamic studies.

Over the course of 2 years, children will learn parts of the rich vocabulary of the Quran. This will consist of vocabulary on animals, numbers, prophets, and other eloquent themes of the Quran.

The children will be exposed to communicating in the medium of Arabic, encouraging a strong skill of speaking and understanding Arabic.

We hope to impart the children with a strong and firm faith in Allah and His messenger. A deep connection to prayer, coupled with memorisation of short surahs of the Quran.

Children will leave the Madrassa with a deep love and understanding of the best of examples, the prophet Muhammad and the exemplary narratives of the other prophets.

They will learn good etiquettes and manners in their daily lives, along with short prophetic supplications.

We hope to achieve this through the means of games, role play, songs, storytelling and role model behaviour from the Madrassa and their parents.

We hope this will fully equip the children in their transitional step to enter the Rawda, the programme that is carried out for children 7 years and over, in Felicity House.

Arrival and Collection of children

When you bring your child to the madrassa:-

- Please tell a member of staff any relevant information that you feel we should know.
- Please notify us if anyone other than yourself/partner is collecting your child.
- When entering and leaving the nursery please ensure that **the door is closed securely after you.** It only takes a minute for a child to slip out or for a stranger to get in. Please do not let anyone else into the nursery.
- Our Safeguarding Policy requires non usage of mobile phones within the setting. Only Happy Children Nursery's official phone is used within the nursery. In the event of your mobile phone being used in the setting you will be asked by a member of staff to put it away, we hope that you do not find this offensive and understand this is to ensure Happy Children Nursery stays a safe environment for children.

When picking your child up from nursery:-

- Ensure that your child has got all of their belongings, including any pictures that they may have done during their day at the nursery.

Late Collections

If you are late picking up your child, you will be reminded to adhere to the correct collection time, followed by a suggestion to make a donation to the 'late pick up box'.

Concern

Should you have any concerns regarding your child, please raise them with the madrassa manager, at a time that is convenient to you both.

Any concerns specifically related to Arabic or Islamic Studies, they should be discussed with the relevant teachers.

Settling in

Should your child struggle to settle in the madrassa, along with the parent's support we will endeavour to overcome this, with the least amount of disruption to the running of the madrassa.

Fees explained

Fees are charged for bank holidays.

We have tried to make our fees as affordable as possible. Please bear in mind the difficulty of trying to accommodate for the whole community as well as trying to balance the madrassa budget.

The annual fee for one child is £450. To secure a place for your child we require a £50 non-refundable deposit. The remaining £400 fees can be paid in full or monthly over a 10 month period (10 monthly payments of £40).

We hope you will appreciate that we are unable to allow fees to slip into arrears. Failure to pay the fees on time may result in the loss of your child's place. If fees are outstanding, or if no payment is made, the parent/carer may be asked to remove the child from the Madrassa.

Fees during Absence

Fees must still be paid in full during a child's absence from Madrassa; this is because your child is still taking up a session whether in attendance or not as effectively he/she is blocking a place for another child to attend.

Family Holidays

There are no discounts for family holidays taken whilst the Madrassa is ongoing, even if prior notice is given.

Sessions

Each child is entitled to 2 sessions per week. You can make a request of 2 sessions on a Monday and a Wednesday **or** a Tuesday and a Thursday.

Session	Hours	Annual Price
Monday and Wednesday	4.30pm - 6.30pm	£450

Session	Hours	Annual Price
Tuesday and Thursday	4.30pm - 6.30pm	£450

Payment of Fees

- Places cannot be confirmed or reserved until fees are received.
- All fees must be paid either in one full payment or monthly, by standing order, bank transfer, direct debit, cheque or cash.

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