



Islamia Primary School (VA)

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Consultation on Proposal to Amend Admissions Arrangements for Sept 2021

- **Parents/Carers of all children attending Islamia Primary School**
- **Staff and Governors of Islamia Primary School**
- **Brent LA as the Admissions Authority for all Community Schools in Brent**
- **Governing Bodies of all Voluntary Aided Schools and Foundation Schools in Brent**
- **Admissions Authorities in all neighbouring Local Authorities (to be notified by Brent LA)**
- **Association of Muslim Schools UK as the body representing Muslim Schools**
- **Islamia Girls' Secondary School, Brondesbury College for Boys and Yusuf Islam Foundation**

Thursday 5th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers/Colleagues/Neighbours,

You will be aware that Islamia Primary School is the only Voluntary Aided Muslim School in the London Borough of Brent. The school is very popular with parents who are keen for their children to be offered a place in the school.

The admissions arrangements for the school must conform with the Admissions Code. This Code requires that whenever the Board of Governors decide to make amendments to the Admissions Policy, it must consult with all stakeholders. This means that everyone who has an interest in the school should have an opportunity to express their views. It is the intention of the Board of Governors to take these views into account when making decisions about amendments to the admissions policy.

Here are some facts about the school.

- Islamia Primary School is a two form entry school for pupils aged 4 – 11 years. Every year, the school admits 60 pupils to the Reception Year. The published admission number (PAN) for the school is 60.
- Islamia Primary School is a Voluntary Aided, Faith-based Muslim school. As such, the Board of Governors of Islamia Primary School is the Admissions Authority.

The Board of Governors of Islamia Primary School proposes to make amendments to the existing Admissions Policy, which includes:

- Giving priority to Muslim children of at least one parent who has converted to Islam (not born in the Islamic faith). Up to a maximum of 25% of the published admissions number.



- Giving priority to Muslim children of parents who are former pupils of the school since the school became voluntary aided (alumni). Up to a maximum of 25% of the published admissions number.

The Admissions Code, issued under Section 84 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (SSFA 1998) came into force on 19 December 2014. As the Admissions Authority the Board of Governors of Islamia Primary School has a statutory duty to act in accordance with the relevant provision of the Code.

Section 142 of the code states that *when changes are proposed to admissions arrangements, all admissions authorities must consult on their admissions arrangements (including any supplementary information form) that will apply for admissions applications the following school year.*

With a view to ensuring that the Board of Governors of Islamia Primary School as the Admissions Authority conforms to the requirements of the code, the Board of Governors would like all interested parties to take note that as the Admissions Authority, it declares that a consultation will be undertaken with regards to the changes to the Admissions Policy.

Consultation

The proposed new Admissions Policy including the Notes to the criteria and Supplementary Information Form and confirmation of the Published Admissions Number are available at:

<http://islamiaprimery.org.uk/admissions-policy/>

By clicking on the link above, you will be able to find the following three documents:

- Admissions Consultation letter
- Consultation Admissions Policy 2021/22
- Supplementary Information Form (SIF) 2021-22

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the documents, then these are available from the school office.

Consultation regarding changes to the Admissions Policy will be from **Thursday 5th December 2019 to Friday 31st January 2020 (6 weeks – not including holidays)**. Any representations in response to this consultation should be sent to the school's admissions officer via the dedicated email address below or by completing and returning the attached admissions consultation response form.

info@islamia.brent.sch.uk

The school's admissions officer will collate the responses and present them to the school's Admissions Committee for consideration, following which the Admissions Committee will make its recommendation, taking into account representations received. The school's Board of Governors will then make its decision on the contents of the new Admissions Policy and publicise details to all interested parties, including those who have made representations in response to the consultation.

A final version of the Admissions Policy will be posted on the school's web site and also sent to Brent Admissions. The new policy will be used to determine admissions to Islamia Primary School for September 2021.

In order to provide answers to any questions that you may have, we propose to organise a consultation meeting on **Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6:00pm – 7:30pm** in the school. It would be most helpful if you would kindly advise the school office of your intention to attend.

Prior to the above consultation meeting, you will have the opportunity to express your views online using the response form which will be available from **Mon 9th December 2019** until **Friday 10th January 2020** (4 weeks) so that any issues raised can be addressed during the consultation meeting. This online form will be available on the school website: <http://islamiprimary.org.uk/admissions-policy/>

If you have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours Sincerely,



Babar Mirza
Headteacher