



IANL ACADEMY

INFORMATION & CODE OF CONDUCT 2023/2024

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Our aim at IANL Academy is to help our pupils to learn, understand and implement the beautiful core teachings of Islam. We aim to deliver teaching of the highest quality in a professional, structured and disciplined manner, and with the underlying objective to enable the pupils to build a strong connection with Allah, and establish the best character, conduct and moral values that are embodied in the Sunnah of the Prophet (saw), and are of so much importance for a Muslim living in the West.

We appreciate the importance of creating a safe and nurturing environment that is friendly, understanding and intellectually stimulating for the pupils in order to allow them to enjoy and truly benefit on this blessed and rewarding path of seeking knowledge. In addition to learning the foundation principles of Islam, we aim to help the pupils develop many key skills that will assist them in their other studies and outside the classroom, such as building confidence, being able to work alone or thrive in a team, and developing routine and good habits.

“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to paradise”

- Prophet Muhammad (saw)
[Sahih Muslim]

We encourage and promote at the heart of our teachings the importance of pupils showing respect, tolerance and kindness to others in society (whether Muslim or Non Muslim), and striving to be of those that benefit others and leave the world a better place.

“The best of you are those who learn the Quran and teach it.”

- Prophet Muhammad (saw) [Sahih Al Bukhari]

“The believer is kind and gracious, for there is no goodness in one who is neither kind nor gracious. The best of people are those who are most beneficial to people.” - Prophet Muhammad (saw) [al-Mu’jam al-Awsat]

ACADEMY INFORMATION & CODE OF CONDUCT

In this section we have outlined all key information relating to the general functioning and operations of IANL Academy, as well as the Code of Conduct guidelines, which all parents / guardians and pupils must operate within.

1. IANL Academy Location and Times

All classes are held at IANL, 683-685 High Road, London N12 0DA.

IANL Academy currently offers:

- 3- day Standard Classes which take place on Mon, Wed & Fri.
- 2-day Standard Classes which take place on Tue & Thur.

Boys classes take place on 1st floor, and girls classes in the basement.

The classes are suitable for boys and girls aged 6 – 16yrs, and focus on Qaidah / Quran, and also teach Duas, Short Surahs & Islamic Studies.

All classes take place between 5-7pm.

Provisional term dates for the Academic Year are as follows:

- **Term 1:** 6th September 2023 – 22nd December 2023
- **Term 2:** 8th January 2024 – 8th March 2024
- **Term 3:** 16th April 2024 – 26th July 2024

****Please note that the dates stated above are for guidance purposes and are subject to change****

To ensure that all our pupils receive maximum learning time, it is of great importance that pupils arrive punctually between 4:50pm (when gates & classrooms open) - 5pm (when classes begin).

IANL & IANL ACADEMY does not take any responsibility or accept an liability for pupils who are not allowed into class due to late arrival. We strongly advise not to send your child to class if he / she is likely to arrive late. IANL & IANL Academy also does not take responsibility or accept any liability for pupils safety until they reach the designated classroom.

We aim to encourage pupils to practice what they learn, hence why we require pupils to ensure they offer salaah in Jamaah in their respective classrooms during class hours.

If the Asr or Maghrib salaah clashes with the end of madrasah collection time, pupils will be expected to stay until the completion of the salaah before leaving.

Pupils arriving late for class will face disciplinary action in accordance with section 12 below.

No pupil will be allowed to leave the class early unless permission has been granted by the parent and communicated to the teachers in a suitable manner.

Parents should collect their children as soon as the class ends. IANL does not accept any responsibility for children who are collected after 7:10pm.

In case of an emergency where a parent is supposed to collect a pupil but is unable to do so, it is essential that the parent informs the teachers/staff at IANL Academy. The pupil should remain in the company of the IANL Academy staff and should not talk to strangers or walk around other areas of the building.

2. Class Structure & Curriculum

Pupils are placed in classes based on one or a combination of the following factors: age, ability, level of knowledge.

Our standard classes focus on:

- Qaidah (how to read the Quran with correct pronunciation)
- Islamic Studies (covering aspects of fiqh, aqeedah, adab, and Stories of Prophets) using the An Nasihah Curriculum
- Duas and short surahs

**It is possible that some classes may (especially if teachers are unavailable) be taught remotely via phone calls, Zoom, or pre-recorded online teaching videos.*

*Where IANL Academy provides access to pre-recorded online teaching videos, it is essential that these videos are only accessed & viewed by a fee paying pupil, and are not shared with other individuals. This is an amaanah / trust- and any breach will be considered a serious matter that may result in exclusion from IANL Academy.**

3. Fees

Term fees **must** be pre-paid online before the start of each term. All new parents must also pay a Registration fee of £50 per pupil on acceptance of a place at IANL Academy. This is a non-refundable one off payment, and is in addition to the term fees.

The term fee structure for the year is as follows:

- All 3-day classes are £155 per pupil per term.
- All 2-day classes are £105 per pupil per term.

There are no early payment or sibling discounts in operation.

If the term fees are not paid by the payment deadlines, the pupil may lose their place at IANL Academy and will have to re-apply and re-register to join if they wish to attend again (and therefore will have to pay the Registration Fee of £50 again).

New pupils will usually receive a special Welcome Pack that includes all the study books they require (i.e. Quran/Qaidah/Tajweed book, Dua book, Islamic Studies books etc).

No fees will be refunded if a child is suspended or excluded, or is absent from classes for any reason. Fees will also be reviewed annually.

IANL Academy offers a number of financial assistance places each term for parents who are experiencing financial hardship or difficulty. The application process is very straightforward, quick, easy and confidential. For more information please email IANL Academy or speak to the Head Teacher or Administrator.

4. Stationery, Books & Prohibited Items

IANL Academy provides all books required by the pupils. It is the pupils responsibility to ensure books are brought to each class. All pupils must bring their own stationery.

Pupils may be given a homework diary – which the parent is required to sign off before the pupil returns back to class. Warnings and important issues (including disciplinary) may be highlighted to the parents through teacher’s notes in these homework diaries.

Initial books are provided to pupils as part of the Welcome Pack. Pupils can purchase (directly from IANL Academy) additional copies of these books or any other books that may be subsequently required.

Any dangerous or anti social items (including items such as lighters, cigarettes and pen knives) will be confiscated by the teacher and only returned on receipt of a letter by the parent requesting it.

Chewing gum is prohibited at IANL Academy.

Mobile phones are permitted but **MUST NOT** be “on” or taken out of the pocket. If the teacher finds that it has been taken out of the pocket, it will be confiscated. Again, parents will have to contact the teacher to reclaim the item.

6. Homework and Exams

Throughout the term it is important that all pupils are encouraged by their parents to engage in a routine of self-study / family-study outside the classroom. A simple routine of reviewing the class notes each day at home can result in major improvements for the pupil over the course of a term.

To compliment this, a pupil will be given some homework to do. This will enable the teacher to monitor his progress and to offer him the required help if needed. It also allows parents to know the content being taught to the pupil, whilst allowing the pupil to develop skills and learn time management. Homework will always be a revision of an existing topic covered in class, and should usually not take more than 30 minutes to complete. It is essential that parents sign the homework diary to show that they are aware that the homework was provided and completed.

Since 2021, pupils also have access to our Qaidah Series on YouTube (uploaded to the North Finchley Mosque account). This is an excellent resource that covers every page of the Qaidah book. Pupils should review the corresponding video to the material covered in class (as revision) as well as watch the following video as preparation for the next class.

If for any reason a pupil is unable to complete the homework, then the parent should provide a letter explaining the reasons why. Failure to complete homework assignments without a valid reason will result in disciplinary action.

Exams are typically held twice a year. In order to ensure that the standard of teaching remains high and pupils can progress within their age group, pupils who fail the exams may be asked to perform a re-sit, may be placed in a younger class (if deemed appropriate by the teachers), or may be permanently excluded from IANL Academy if the examination performance falls below the required standard.

7. Absence from IANL Academy

In order for pupils to maximise their potential and make significant progress, it is essential that they are consistent in attending classes throughout the term. Absences can significantly affect a pupil's progress, and for this reason we require all pupils to have an attendance rate of 85%.

All absences must be authorised by the parents. Therefore if a child is unable to attend IANL Academy for any reason, the parent must inform the teacher by emailing before the class begins at 5pm. Any absence without authorisation by the parents may result in disciplinary action.

Any pupil who is absent from IANL Academy on multiple occasions without providing a reason that is acceptable to the teachers (i.e. sickness) risks losing their place for the rest of the term and will have to re-apply for admittance. The re-admittance is not guaranteed. Parents are advised for this reason to avoid taking their children on holiday during term times.

8. General Behavior & Uniform

Respect / Manners

Good behavior is of paramount importance in Islam, and especially for students of the religion attending classes in the Masjid. All pupils must show respect to the teachers and their fellow classmates at all times. Misbehavior will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

This includes abstaining from all foul language, and committing any action that may be deemed abusive, anti-social or unbefitting of a Masjid environment. Pupils are also expected to avoid shouting and making noise in the Masjid, and avoid damaging any property.

Food & Use of Toilets

Pupils should not eat / drink during class unless a medical condition necessitates it. If a pupil has a genuine need to attend to the toilet, this will be granted. However, due to the limited facilities and short time available for teaching, it is advisable that pupils avoid using the toilet during the class unless it is an emergency. If a teacher adjudges that a pupil is unnecessarily wasting time by taking too long / too many toilet breaks, the parents will be informed.

Uniform

IANL Academy has a dress code that all pupils must adhere to. Failure to adhere to the uniform requirements may result in a pupil not being allowed entry to IANL Academy.

The dress code for boys is a Thobe (also called a Jubba) and Cap (Topi), and for girls is a plain Black Abayah and plain Black Scarf (with no beading / patterns).

Underclothing (i.e. t shirts, jeans etc) must not be visible, and no jewellery is allowed to be worn, except a watch.

As a Muslim, personal hygiene is also of great importance. Therefore, pupils should ensure that their clothes are clean, and that they have made wudhu at home prior to coming to class.

9. Child Safety

Parents must ensure that the pupil arrives at IANL safely on time, and is picked up on time.

On arrival at IANL all pupils must go straight to their classroom and report to the teacher present.

Classrooms have been exclusively designated for pupils and staff of IANL Academy and no other persons (including parents) are allowed entry during the operating hours of IANL Academy, except if granted permission by the teachers.

Pupils should not go to the Main Prayer Hall without the permission of the teachers. All pupils should only use the designated toilet & wudhu facilities specified by the teachers.

IANL Academy is not responsible in any way for any accident or injury incurred by a pupil whilst travelling either to or from IANL.

Parents must inform the teaching staff of any medical conditions relating to the pupil and any medications that may need administering during the operating hours of IANL Academy. Please ensure this information is mentioned verbally to the Head Teacher and filled out on the relevant Medical Information form (copy available on request).

In case of a minor accident or injury being incurred on site during the operating hours of IANL Academy, staff who are qualified first aiders will be made aware of the situation in order to administer basic first aid treatment (plasters / bandages etc) to the pupil.

We will ensure that all adults working with pupils are DBS cleared.

10. Anti Bullying

It is essential that every child at IANL Academy feels safe and secure, and is able to participate comfortably in classes without the fear of intimidation and bullying. Hence any form of bullying will not be tolerated and will be dealt with seriously.

As there is no legal definition of bullying, we have chosen to define it as behavior that is systematic and on-going, and is deliberately hurtful and distressing to the victim. It can be in many forms including physical, verbal, psychological, and social (through means such as exclusion), and is often targeted at those who cannot defend themselves.

We believe that it is the combined responsibility of the teachers, pupils and parents to ensure that bullying does not occur at IANL Academy. Therefore any parents or pupils, who suspect that bullying may be occurring, must report the matter to a teacher or member of staff.

11. Discipline

Where a pupil is in breach of this Code of Conduct, then they may face disciplinary action. Such action will *normally* take the following form:

- 1st breach – Verbal warning to pupil
- 2nd breach – Contact with parents (either through homework diary / email or phone call)
- 3rd breach – Further contact with parents (again through the same methods). Alternatively a meeting with parents or a suspension may occur.
- 4th breach – Permanent exclusion from IANL Academy and forfeiting of all fees paid

Although it is expected that most breaches of this Code of Conduct will follow the course of action above, where the teachers deem the breach extremely serious or wholly unacceptable (or where parents regularly fail to respond to communication from the Head Teacher), then IANL Academy reserves the right to permanently exclude the pupil without giving prior warnings. Such an action by IANL Academy will only be taken if no other solution is deemed applicable or effective under the particular circumstances.

12. Parents Evening & Awards

Typically once each term, IANL Academy will host a Parents Evening. This is an integral means of communication between the teachers and parents, and is a chance to discuss the pupil's progress and give advice / suggestions on how to improve in the future.

In addition we believe that it is important for pupil's efforts and hard work to be rewarded appropriately, especially as it can be an added motivation for future improvement. We will therefore issue reports after each exam period detailing their marks and the progress they've made with their Islamic studies, in addition to highlighting their general akhlaaq and attendance.

There will also be a Presentation Day after the summer exams in which upto three prizes will be given in each class. These prizes will be given to the two highest performing pupils, and the pupil who demonstrates the best akhlaaq, attendance & effort. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

13. Entrance & Selection Criteria

We are very proud to host pupils from many diverse ethnic, social and education backgrounds.

Prior to entrance at IANL Academy, we may ask to meet with the parent(s) and prospective pupil in order to discuss the policies of IANL Academy, and may ask the prospective pupil to sit a short test to determine whether they are a suitable fit.

Although the classes tend to be grouped according to age group, this is sometimes adjusted if a prospective pupil has an advanced background in Islamic studies prior to joining IANL Academy.

Due to our limited capacity, prospective pupils may be added to the Waiting List if no spaces are available in the relevant age category.

Children who already have siblings in IANL Academy, and those who live in closer proximity to IANL Academy may be given priority if the demand exceeds supply of places available. IANL Academy reserves the right to alter its selection criteria with or without notice, especially in relation to the selection of pupils on its Waiting List (i.e. pupils may be selected based on criteria including but not limited to age, ability, siblings, proximity, historical offers at IANL Academy etc).

All new pupils who are accepted into IANL Academy must pay a non-refundable £50 registration fee, in addition to the thrice-yearly term fees. Please see section 3 for more information.

14. Complaints & Contact With Parents

IANL Academy operates with a policy of transparency and openness, and we are always happy to answer questions, explain our practices, and alleviate any concerns that parents may have. In addition, IANL Academy fully understands that a respectful and supportive partnership between teachers and parents can be very effective in enabling pupils to feel motivated and excel in their studies. For this reason we are always open to feedback, suggestions and complaints from parents, although we ask that this is done in the prescribed manner below to ensure that Islamic morals and virtues are maintained throughout. We would also like to mention that in most cases we are confident that these are related simply to misunderstandings that are easily solvable in an amicable way during a short meeting or discussion.

Protocol for complaints:

All feedback, suggestions, and complaints should be given in writing by emailing us at ianlacademy@ianl.org.uk.

Please kindly allow up to 7 working days for a reply so that the staff can arrange a time to discuss the complaint sincerely and as a group.

Thereafter, a face-to-face meeting with the teacher or member of staff may be arranged if deemed appropriate.

Parental Contact:

IANL Academy will keep in touch with parents primarily through:

- Emails
- Phone Calls
- Texts

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that IANL Academy has up to date contact details.

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us on by the following methods:

Write to:

IANL Academy
683-685 High Road
London N12 0DA

Email:

Email at: ianlacademy@ianl.org.uk
Website: www.ianl.org.uk



Prophet Muhammad (saw) has said:

“When Allah wishes good for a person,
He makes him understand the religion.”

[Bukhari]

“When a man dies, all his deeds come to
an end except three: an ongoing charity,
beneficial knowledge or a righteous child
who will pray for him.”

[Muslim]

“There should be no envy except in two
cases; a man to whom Allah has given
(knowledge of) the Quran, so he stands
to recites it during the night and day,
and a man to whom Allah has given
wealth, so he spends it (in good deeds)
during the night and day.”

[Muslim]