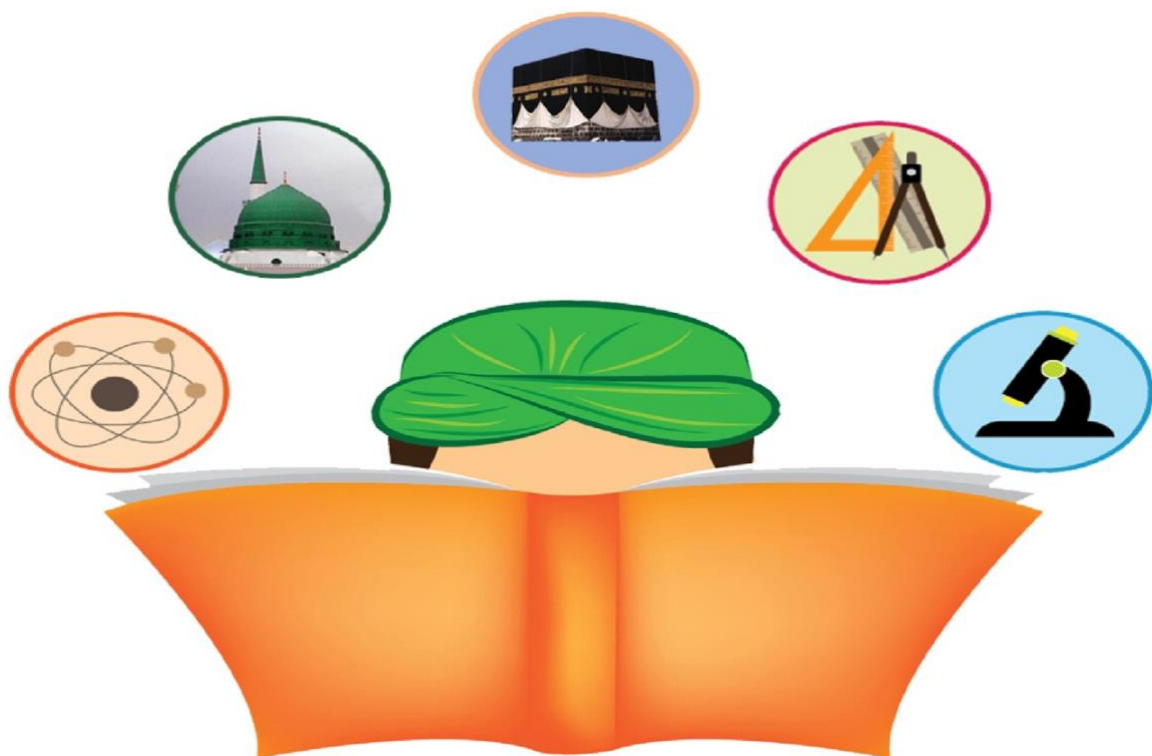


Dar-ul Madinah Welcome Pack





Welcome to Dar-ul Madinah Nursery

This 'Welcome Pack' is provided to help you and your child to settle in at Darul Madinah Nursery. We understand that this can be a difficult time for parents, and we would like to support you as much as possible to make this an enjoyable experience for you and your family. We hope you find this pack helpful. If there is anything left unanswered, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the staff team.

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Mission Statement

We believe that the children we care for should be inspired and take the lead in their learning, thus encouraging them to be confident, competent and happy. We aim to provide each child with an environment that will interest them and excite them, through a wide range of equipment and resources that are outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the carefully tailored Darul Madinah curriculum.



Our Ethos

Darul Madinah is a Muslim faith Nursery and Primary School where we believe that every day counts and every child matters. Darul Madinah's motto, "Darul Madinah will nurture our learners into model citizens that exemplify the inherent values of Islam, make a positive contribution to the community and are champions of their faith" reflects our belief that all children are entitled to a quality education to reach their highest potential and experience success

Our pursuit of excellence embraces Islamic values aligned with the fundamental British values at the core of everything we do. We nurture the development of knowledge, confidence, creativity, & skills and understanding to help our children develop into happy, & healthy, caring and successful local, national and global citizens with a positive mindset

Our Values

We aim to follow the Sunnah and emulate the character of our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) by following the MADINAH acronym:

M – Mindful & Manners.

- We are always mindful of others and show good manners.

A – Aspire & Achieve

- We aspire to be outstanding British citizens & achieve excellence in all that we do.

D – Dedicated & Determined

- We are dedicated & determined to achieve our dreams.

I – Inclusive & Inspire

- We value differences and are inspired to impart the knowledge we learn.

N – Nature & Never give up

- We care for our environment; we try hard in everything we do and we never give up.

A – Appreciation & Affection

- We appreciate what others do for us and show affection to others.

H – Helpful & Honest

- We are always helpful and honest.



Staff

Dar-ul Madinah have a fantastic team of Nursery Practitioners and Qualified teachers who are passionate, committed, caring and have a loving approach to childcare which is clear in the relationship between the children and staff. We ensure all staff within the setting are in receipt of an enhanced DBS check and are trained in safeguarding and hold a first aid qualification.

The staffing ratio in the nursery is as follows:

- 2 years: 1 carer per 5 children
- 3-4 years: 1 carer per 8 children

The staffing ratio in school is one teacher and teaching assistant per classroom.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Dar-ul Madinah offers a stimulating and enriching environment for all age groups giving children the best learning opportunities and experience to help each child reach their full potential.

The EYFS works towards the Areas of Learning and Development to ensure a smooth transition from Nursery to school, whilst building an effective partnership with parents. The Areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

For more information visit our website: www.dmslough.co.uk

Your child's education is of utmost importance to us, and we have planned our curriculum to ensure that each year our students build on the skills learnt from the year before and that there is no repetition in their learning. Our staff are highly qualified, and we have a good balance of EYFS, Primary and specialist teachers.

Darul Madinah Islamic Curriculum

At Darul Madinah, we offer a distinctive curriculum that merges the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the national curriculum with a rich Islamic education. Every Friday, we conduct Jummah prayers involving all children to highlight the significance of the day and to instil in them the Sunnah practices associated with it. This weekly prayer is part of

our broader effort to familiarise children with the essentials of Islam.

The educational program includes teaching children various duas and sunnah actions that relate to everyday activities such as eating, sleeping, dressing, and hygiene. Children also learn Islamic greetings, Nasheeds, Salaawat, and about important Islamic months and events like Rabi al-Awal, Hajj and Ramadan. Through interactive learning experiences, children develop a strong sense of their Muslim identity and basic beliefs in compliance with Shariah.



Phonics

In addition to the religious components, Darul Madinah emphasises academic development. Our experienced staff deliver Read, Write, Inc. sessions focused on phonics, introducing children each week to a new sound along with exciting activities to explore this new learning. Children also begin their journey with the Arabic language, starting with basic vocabulary to prepare them for further language studies in Darul Madinah schools.

This holistic curriculum ensures that children are well-prepared academically while deeply connected to their faith, fostering a well-rounded development from an early age.



Session timings

Our nursery ethos is to provide a warm welcome to each child and parent or carer upon their arrival. Below are the operating hours for our branches:

- Dar-ul Madinah Chalvey Branch (50 Darvills Lane)
 - Morning Session: 08:25 - 11:25
 - Afternoon Session: 12:10 - 15:10
- Dar-ul Madinah Bath Road Branch (Hartland Close)
 - Morning Session: 08:30 - 11:30
 - Afternoon Session: 12:00 - 15:00

We are open for 38 weeks per year, excluding bank holidays and inset days.

Flexibility Options: Darul Madinah offers flexibility in scheduling to accommodate the diverse needs of our families. This includes options for full days, longer sessions, and flexible timing based on availability.

Additional or Private Sessions: For additional flexibility, we offer extra or private sessions. Each of these 3-hour sessions is available for £18.

Settling In Sessions

At Darul Madinah Nursery, we prioritise a smooth and comfortable transition for each child into our environment. To support this, we have a detailed registration process where we request parents to provide all necessary information that will help us tailor our care to the specific needs of their child.

Session Details:

1. **First Session (1 hour):** Parents join their child for this session. During this time, staff complete the necessary paperwork and formally integrate the parents and child into our family.
2. **Second Session:** The duration of this session varies depending on the child's needs. Parents are present to provide comfort and support as their child begins to interact more with the nursery setting.
3. **Third Session:** This session is split between parent-accompanied and independent activities for the child, easing them into being comfortable in the nursery without their parents.



After these initial sessions, we assess whether additional sessions are necessary or if the child is ready to start attending full sessions. Our approach is designed to ensure that every child settles well into the nursery, feeling secure and ready to engage fully.



Key Person

Your child will be appointed a person, who will ensure consistent continuity of care, each key person within the setting is aware of their key children's needs and have a strong relationship with the parents to enable clear communication

Extra-Curricular opportunities

At Darul Madinah, we believe in enriching our curriculum with extensive hands-on and experiential learning opportunities. Our children enjoy a variety of engaging activities that connect them with the community and the world around them. Here are some of the activities we have organized in the past:



- **Community Helpers:** We invite professionals such as police officers, dentists, vets, firefighters, and doctors to visit our nursery. These visits help children learn about different roles in our community and the importance of each.

- **Animal and Life Sciences:** We've had pets in the nursery and even experienced the life cycle of chickens first-hand—from eggs to fully-grown chickens. Such experiences offer children a deep understanding of nature and life cycles.

- **Excursions and Trips:** Our children explore beyond the nursery with trips to exciting locations like farms,



- London Zoo, Windsor Castle, and Gulliver's Land of Adventures. These outings are not only fun but are also educational, broadening their horizons.



- **Cultural Celebrations:** We host a Multicultural Day where children and families share foods from their

cultures and dress in their traditional attire. This celebration fosters appreciation and respect for different cultures.

- **Religious and Social Events:** Our nursery organizes events such as Ramadan Iftar, Eid fetes, and Eid BBQs, which allow children and families to celebrate together and build a strong community spirit.
- **Community Support Activities:** Supporting the local food bank and other community initiatives teaches children the value of giving back and helps them understand the importance of community support.



These activities are designed to support the development of our children into well-rounded individuals who are aware of and engaged with their community and the wider world.



Personal Property:

Children should not bring sweets or valuables to the nursery (e.g. jewellery, toys etc), since staff cannot be held responsible for any personal belongings being lost or damaged.

Parental / Carer involvement:

At Darul Madinah, we view parents as vital partners in their child's education and actively involve them in nursery life to create a supportive, complementary relationship.

Engagement Opportunities:

- **Key Person:** Each child has a designated staff member for personalized communication and support.
- **Family App:** Updates you on your child's activities and development.
- **Newsletters:** Keeps you informed about nursery happenings and plans.
- **Parent Questionnaires:** Allows you to provide feedback and suggest improvements every term.
- **Events and Socials:** Features cultural, religious, and child-specific celebrations, along with day trips.
- **Information Access:** Details what information we keep on your child and who can access it.
- **Consent Requirements:** Necessary for trips, medication, first aid, and photographs.
- **Curriculum Evenings:** Annual events to explain our curriculum, including planning and assessment.
- **Complaints Procedure:** Outlines steps for addressing concerns, with details available at reception.
- **Careful Staff Deployment:** Ensures that staff strengths are optimally utilized.
- **Workshops:** Invites parents to engage in activities that highlight the educational benefits for different age groups.



This framework ensures a well-rounded, collaborative environment for your child's development at the nursery.

GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORM



BOTTLE GREEN PINAFORE

WHITE FULL SLEEVE BLOUSE



BOTTLE GREEN HEAD SCARF



BLACK TROUSERS



BOTTLE GREEN CARDIGAN



SCHOOL BAG

BOYS SCHOOL UNIFORM



BOTTLE GREEN SWEATSHIRT



WHITE FULL SLEEVE SHIRT



BLACK TROUSERS

Uniform:

At Darul Madinah, we have a uniform which we expect all children to wear. We also request that each child is provided with a complete change of clothes.

Book bags and water bottles are purchased from the nursery for girls and boys

PE UNIFORM



WHITE POLO T-SHIRT



BLACK TRAINERS



BLACK JOGGERS



BOTTLEGREEN JUMPER (BOYS)



BOTTLE GREEN CARDIGANS (GIRLS)