



Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Dear respected Parent / Guardian,
Assalaamu Alaikum - May peace be with you.

Charity Programme 2023 (Ramadhaan 1444 AH)

As you are aware, each year, our parents and pupils raise thousands of pounds for charity during the month of Ramadhan. During the past year, conflict and suffering in several countries, compounded by natural disaster, means that our charitable giving is even more important than before.

I am writing with details of how your child, and you can support vulnerable people through our annual Ramadhan Giving Programme.

Ramadhan is a month for giving and gaining extra, as the reward for each good action is multiplied. It is also an opportunity to remember those in our country and around the world whose lives are blighted by poverty, conflict, displacement, and illness. The noble Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) said: ***"The best charity is given in Ramadhan."***

Last year, in partnership with each of Star Academies' Muslim Faith Schools, we raised over £172,000 for charity over Ramadhan. Please find a summary below of how this money has been used to support vulnerable people at home and abroad.

This year, we are working with Shine Charity once again to alleviate suffering in the UK and Syria.

Project 1 – Supporting children and families in the UK (Lillah and Sadqah-e-Nafil)

Through this Ramadhan Giving Programme, we will support each of the communities around our schools. This will provide food vouchers, food packs and hygiene kits to impoverished families.

Project 2 – Supporting children and families in Syria (Lillah, Zakah and Sadaqah)

In Syria, the devastating earthquake in February 2023 compounded hardship for families who have endured civil war for several years. Aid has reached recipients in Turkey more easily than those in Syria, where the infrastructure has made it difficult for relief to be delivered. Through this Ramadhan Giving Programme, we will fund a scheme to support Syrian families as they rebuild their homes and lives in the aftermath of natural disaster.

You can donate to each of these important projects through **ParentPay**. Please donate generously – each pound is worth so much more during this auspicious month and this difficult time. Please note that 100% of your donation will go to the cause.

The deadline for donations on Parent Pay is **Tuesday 25 April**.

I pray that you are rewarded abundantly for your kindness and end this letter with a request for your prayers during the month of Ramadhan for peace, comfort, and harmony across our world.

Yours faithfully,

Sajid Khaliq
Principal





Charity Programme Ramadhaan 1443H Update (What your kind donation contributed to last year)

Thanks to the generosity of pupils, parents, and staff at Star schools, we raised £172,000 through our Ramadhan Appeal in 2022. This has had a truly transformative impact on many lives.

Supporting children and families in Lebanon

- We raised £70,000 for this project.
- In Lebanon, Syrian refugee families lacked shelter, food, schooling, and access to basic medical care. The Lebanese Government struggled to provide adequate support due to the economic hardship in their country. Of the estimated 1.5 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon, over half (53%) are under 18 years old.
- The project provided high-quality education to 474 vulnerable Syrian children, aged between 8 and 16 years. The school is in Taanayel in the Central Bekaa region. It included funding educational equipment, medicine, food, and clothing for the learners as well as contributing to the salaries of their teachers.

Supporting children and families in Afghanistan

- We raised £70,000 for this project.
- In Afghanistan, following the change in government and the removal of international financial assistance and economic sanctions, many families have been suffering with acute hunger. Without adequate nutrition, many children and their families faced severe hunger and illness.
- The project provided 732 families with food for around two months. The project included supporting families of orphans and widows.

Supporting children and families in the UK

- We raised £32,000 for this project.
- These funds were Lillah and Sadaqah-e-Nafl donations and were used to support impoverished communities around our schools to cope with rising cost of living. The monies funded food banks, meals for the homeless and refugee families, and sanitary and hygiene products.

