



Nourishing the fitrah of each unique child

Admissions Policy 2024 - 2025

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said,

*“...Every child is born upon Al – fitrah
(the natural disposition).”*

(Şahīḥ Muslim 2658)

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Admissions Policy

Unique Academy is part of the registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), Unique Knowledge Seekers Academy, under the registered charity number: 1184741.

Unique Academy is an Independent, fee-paying school.

Parental Obligation

A good education and upbringing are every parent's duty for their child and we firmly believe that every child has the right to an excellent education, which will lay the foundations for the rest of their lives. This parental duty is made more manageable when you send your child to a place which shares the same ethos and values as you. This helps your family to embark on a journey of growth and development with the right support in place.

Unique Academy looks for parents who play an active part in their children's education and Islamic upbringing and we will give you more information on how best to help your child to develop Islamically and academically throughout your time with us. We look forward to welcoming you as a family of one of our pupils.

Our Vision

We believe that every child is a unique creation of Allaah, created with the natural disposition to constantly learn, and can be resilient, self-confident and can achieve. Our school curriculum will offer safe and unique experiences that will stimulate and inspire children to aim high in this life and the Hereafter.

We believe that children can learn and grow as individuals when they are inspired, which is why our motto is:

We aim high to achieve.

Our Mission

Our mission is:

- To treat every child as a unique creation of Allaah, ensuring that learning enables them to achieve their individual potential
- To provide challenging opportunities that will meet the needs of all children
- To create a positive school environment where Islamic conduct is upheld, and everyone feels valued and develops their self-confidence
- To offer experiences which will develop lifelong skills and a love for seeking knowledge for this life and the Hereafter
- To follow the Qur'aan and authentic Sunnah of the Prophet, *sallaallahu alayhi wa sallaam*, in all acts of worship
- To prepare children for life so that they can show consideration, respect and tolerance in a multi-cultural society
- To ensure that we aim for high-quality teaching, learning and development of children

Our Ethos and Values

Unique Academy is founded upon an Islamic ethos. Our ultimate goal is to provide excellence in Islamic and academic education, enabling the unique children to develop holistically, into upright citizens who are growing up in a British context.

We aspire to put these positive values and behaviours into practice as part of our deen (Islamic way of life).

Our 6 Core Values are:

- Sincerity – We strive to be truthful to our Creator, ourselves and those around us
- Knowledge - We want to learn more and to apply our knowledge

- Respect - We show respect to people of all backgrounds as we value diversity and inclusion
- Transparency - We learn from our mistakes
- Productivity – We strive to have a growth mindset
- Excellency - We always strive to do our best

Admission Selection Criteria

Our selection criteria (not in order of priority) are as follows:

- Parents or guardians who are practising Muslims who strive to provide their child with an Islamic home environment
- Proactive parents who are willing to support the school
- Children who have a sibling in our full-time school or our supplementary school
- Children of current or former teachers
- The school accepts a family after an interview

Pupil Admission

Unique Academy has an all-year-round admission policy, which has 3 stages, as outlined below. The prospectus, application form, fees policy and other useful documents can be downloaded from our website or picked up at our Reception desk.

Stage 1: Making an application

If you would like to apply to Unique Academy, you may call, email or visit us to obtain a copy of our school prospectus, alternatively, you can download our prospectus above.

After reading our prospectus, you can download and complete our application form (*more information is given on how to complete the application form below*)

Stage 2: Interview and Assessment Procedure

If your application is successful, you will be invited for an interview shortly after that. Both parents must attend the interview with their child(ren). At the interview, you will need to bring the following documents:

- A proof of identification for your child(ren) (e.g. valid passport or birth certificate)
- A proof of address for the parents

The assessment will take place for children from 3 to 11 years old and will consist of a 20 - 25 minute online diagnostic assessment. This assessment will cover the following areas:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Mathematics
- Mental Arithmetic
- Developed Ability
- Attitudes

Parents/Guardians will be provided with a detailed report which will show their child's attainment results in these areas.

At the interview, or soon after, you will be informed if your child is to be offered a place at Unique Academy.

Stage 3: Offer of a place and enrolment

Once your child is offered a place at the school, you will be sent electronic registration documents including the parent contract and general consent form and a selection of school policies. Pupils will normally be admitted to the year group matching their chronological year group.

Details of the school uniform will be provided to you at this stage and you will be required to complete and return all the documents required for your child to be enrolled into the school.

Once an offer of a place has been made and accepted, a fee of **£150 per child** is required as part of the administration fee for enrolment. This must be made to secure a place (*please see our fees policy for more information*). The administration fee for a child in the Nursery class taking up a 15-hour space will be refunded once the pupil attends the Nursery and parents/guardians have provided us with their account details.

Waiting Lists

A waiting list will be kept for each year group which is oversubscribed. When places become available, preference will be given following the admissions selection criteria outlined previously.

Dual Registration

When accepting a place at Unique Academy, parents and guardians also agree to accept only one offer of a free part-time early years (Nursery) place. It is not possible to have a free early years (Nursery) place at one school in the mornings as well as a different school in the afternoon or to claim 15 hours for 2 different settings.