

SCHOOL PROFILE

REBUILDING LIVES THROUGH NOURISHMENT
AND A FIRST CLASS EDUCATION



DAR-AL-ZAHRA
CHARITABLE SCHOOLS



Patron



His Eminence Grand Ayatollah Sheikh Basheer Hussain Najafi

Philosophy and Ethos:

Dar al Zahra provides an aspirational learning environment where students, families and practitioners learn together in an atmosphere of co-operation and tolerance. We encourage self-discipline, empathy, understanding and co-operation.

Every child at Dar Al Zahra is unique and brings in a valuable lesson for others. We build on a child's potential to the fullest. We provide an open, stimulating environment in which every child feels safe, valued and happy.

We encourage parents and the wider community to take an active interest in the education of all of our children and to help build lives of those who need the most. Our ethos forms the core of our planning and teaching.

Background

Iraq:

The population of Iraq has suffered from decades of conflict, resulting in humanitarian catastrophes and a disproportionately large number of orphans.

Al Anwar Al Najafiyah:

Under the leadership of His Eminence Ayatollah Sheikh Basheer Husain Najafi and his foundation, Al Anwar Al Najafiyah, visitors of Amir Al Momineen in the holy city of Najaf commenced humanitarian work to uplift the residents of the city and Iraq in general.

Najaf Campaign Food and Blanket Drives:

The activities over the last decade have included food distribution, medical aid, clothing, and blanket drive.

Dar Al Zahra

The long term solution for the elimination of poverty is to educate the nation. Hence, Dar Al Zahra School was formed in 2008 under Al Anwar Al Najafiyah to cater to the basic needs of orphans in and around the holy city of Najaf.

Initially, the school was located in a commercial area in the old city and catered to 200 students, mostly orphans. Education experts from the Najaf and Kufa University were consulted in setting up the school, which served levels KG to Grade 2.

As the students grew along with new enrolments, Dar Al Zahra School moved to a bigger campus in 2011 to an area designated to Al Anwar Al Najafiyah in the new city for educational institutions. Here, the school catered to over 500 orphans.

New School

With the success of Dar Al Zahra Schools and growing demand from the local population, a new state-of-the-art, multi-purpose school was planned in 2014. The new school was completed and opened in February 2016". The new school will take Dar Al Zahra to new heights as it aims to serve a student population of 1200 - more than doubling the previous schools capacity – with a goal to be the best school in the Republic of Iraq. At present (2018) Dar Al Zahra caters to over 900 students.



Vision & Priorities

Education Standard:

Each school has a vision and ours is to create an environment where children and teachers feel comfortable, loved and gain confidence. At Dar Al Zahra we provide the best environment to learn and grow.

Healthcare:

Dar Al Zahra believes in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness and injuries. We have a full time doctor with a well equipped clinic and pharmacy to serve the children in our school. Children in Iraq lack basic needs such as clean water and sanitation resulting in poor health conditions.

Nutrition:

Educating children on empty stomachs is a fruitless endeavor. At Dar Al Zahra we strive to provide wholesome and nutritious breakfast and lunch everyday to all our students, to ensure our students are getting all the nutrition they need to fulfill their potential.



Sports:

When students are physically fit they achieve well academically. Sports encourages teamwork, friendship and leadership. It also provides an outlet to our students to deal positively with struggles at home. At Dar Al Zahra we have created state-of-the-art sports facilities, especially for girls, who normally do not get opportunities to participate in team sports.

English language:

In today's global economy, proficiency in English can unlock countless opportunities. Whether it is working with foreigners or being able to access the wealth of knowledge and resources on the Internet, being able to communicate in English is vital to our children fulfilling their potential.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT):

ICT plays a vital role in the education sector. We teach, support and empower our students to move forward with latest technologies.

Facilities



Classrooms:

Each classroom can accommodate 30 students. One of our aims is to make sure the classes are not over populated. Each class is decorated with educational posters. We have also provided small round tables for Primary classes 1 & 2 to facilitate group learning.



Science labs:

Each science lab consists of four large round tables with stools, eight sinks and science equipment.

Computer Labs:

Each computer lab is equipped with 30 terminals that uses thin clients that connect directly to the server allowing a secure system.



Sports Facilities & Multipurpose Hall:

We have a sports ground outside the school with a football pitch as well as a basketball court. Inside the school we have a sports hall with a football pitch, basketball court, table tennis tables, swings and benches. Showers are also provided with the indoor sports facilities. We also have a play area with swings.



Dining and Prayer Hall:

Each level has a huge prayer and dining hall. There, the afternoon prayers are conducted as well as breakfast and lunch is served.



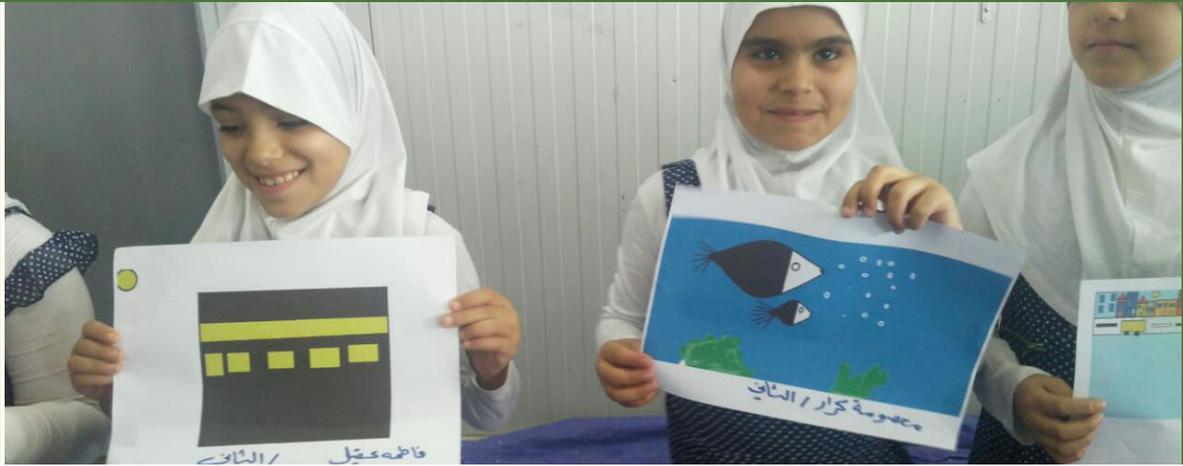
Library:

Our library consists of various Arabic and English literature. We also have smart boards to promote story time and visual learning.



Art:

Each Art Room consists of round tables with stools and art material and equipment.



Teacher Training:

Teacher training is conducted throughout the year to educate and reinforce within the teachers, old as well as new, the knowledge, attitudes and skills that they require to perform their tasks effectively in the classroom.

Healthcare:

Since 2009, Global Kindness Foundation of Canada conduct an annual dental and general health camp.



Medical:

We have a dedicated medical clinic with a full time doctor. All the students and staff are treated here. In addition, people living in the neighborhood and zawwars are also treated free of charge.



Ramadhan Relief Fund – Food Distribution

Every Mahe Ramadhan, Dar al Zahra distributes food parcels to the families of our students, underprivileged families and school staff.

Food parcel contains sufficient amount of raw sustenance enough for a family of five for whole month. It consists of basic staple food suitable for Iraqi community.



Saturday Activity and Field Trip

Saturday is a fun learning day at Dar al Zahra. Students participate in age appropriate activities and field trips. Activities include educational movies, data shows, games, ipad educational apps, drama, plays, Art & Craft and etc. Field trips are organized for students accordingly to their grade. We are fortunate to have visited University of Kufa, Al-Quds Clinic, water plant, printing press, mosques, museums, zoo, fun city and etc



Quran Competition

Every term, Dar al Zahra Girls School participates in inter-school Quran competitions in Najaf and at the National level in Iraq. The girls' participants of preparatory section have memorized more than 8 chapters of Holy Quran and other students have memorized different surah from the Holy Quran. With the grace of Al-mighty (s.w.t), our students take outstanding honors in the competitions.



Frequently Asked Questions

How many students are enrolled at Dar Al Zahra?

We have over 900 students with the capacity to accommodate 1200. Our student body is split almost equally between the boys and girls.

How many of these are orphans?

At the moment, approximately 85% of our current student body comprises of orphans.

Do you provide accomodation?

We do not provide accommodation to our students at this time, mostly because it is difficult for single parents or guardians to part with their

Do you teach an English-medium curriculum?

No, we teach an Arabic curriculum as mandated by Iraqi law; however, we offer English language classes to our students at all levels.

I am planning to travel to Najaf.

Can I visit the school?

Yes. Visitors are most welcome at Dar Al Zahra. If you are sponsoring a student at the school, a meeting can also be arranged with your child(ren).

Can I use my Khums to donate to the school?

Yes. Followers of His Eminence Ayatollah Sheikh Basheer Najafi may contribute their Khums towards the school.

Followers of His Eminence Ayatollah Sayyid Sistani may contribute a portion of their Khums towards the school through World Federation.

What can I expect once I have sponsored a child?

Upon sponsoring a child, you will receive a profile of the child along with monthly attendance, academic and medical updates. If you travel to Najaf, you will also be able to meet the child(ren) you have spon-

How can I make a donation? Visit www.dar-al-zahra.org/donate



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DONATION FORM

Personal details of the donor

Full name:

Phone number:

Email address:

City/Country of residence:

Donation

General Donation:

Breakfast \$200* a day (for the whole school):

Lunch/Niyaz \$600* a day (for the whole school):



*Amounts mentioned are simply a guidance. Any amount of donation is appreciated.

Orphan Sponsorship

(Sponsorship for 1 child):

\$1200 yearly:

\$400 quarterly:

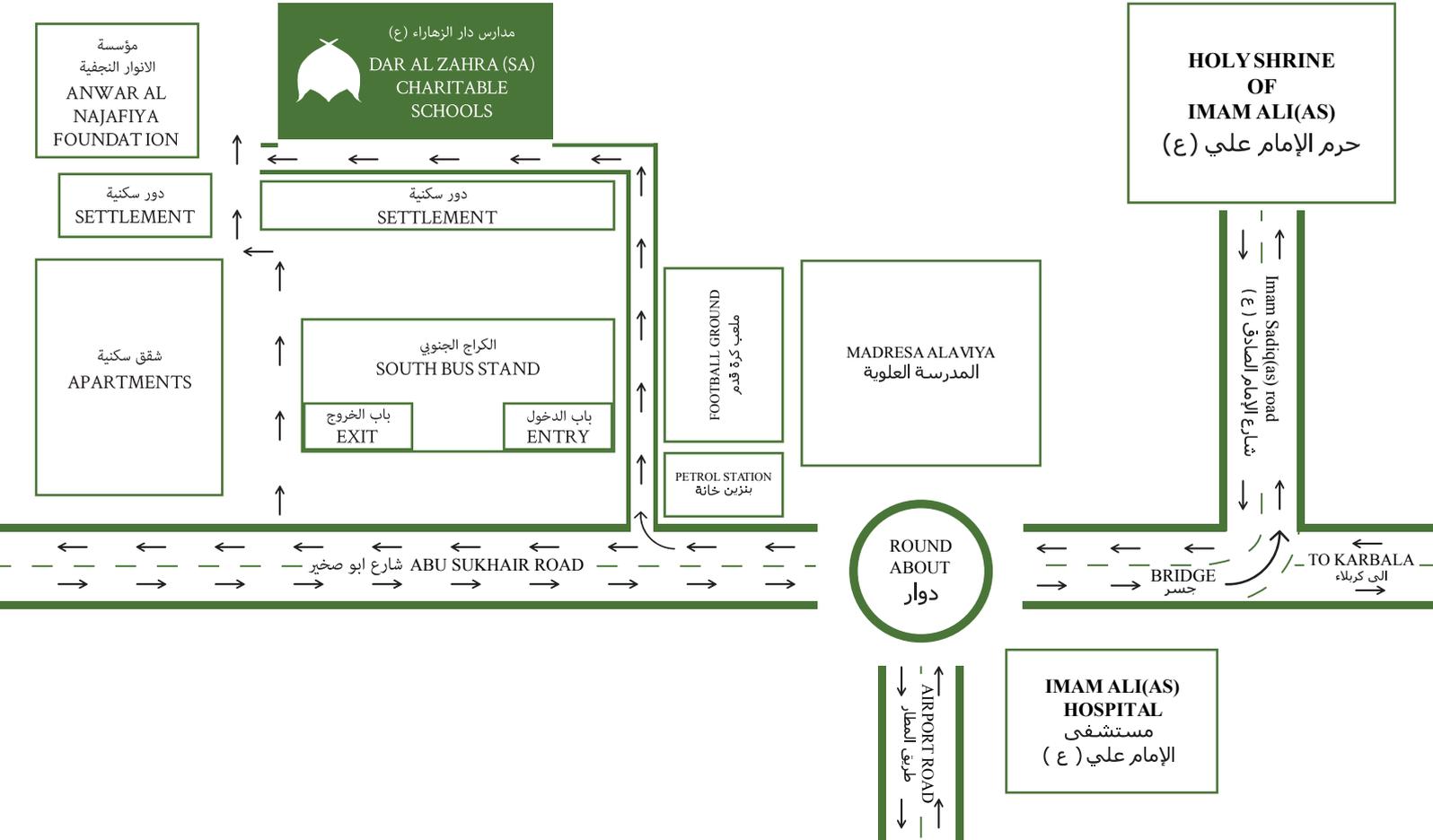
\$100 monthly:



"There is a place in Paradise called the House of Happiness which none shall enter except those who cheered up the orphans from amongst the believers"

HOLY PROPHET (SAW)

Map



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