



Star

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Charity Programme 2022 (Ramadhaan 1443 AH)

Dear Respected Parents / Guardians,

Assalaamu Alaikum (May peace be with you)

As you are aware, each year, our parents and pupils raise thousands of pounds for charity during the month of Ramadhaan. During the past year, with the COVID-19 pandemic as well as conflict and suffering in several countries, 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 Ramadhaan Giving Programme.

Ramadhaan 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 and illness. The noble Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) said: *"The best charity is given in Ramadhaan."*

Last year, our children and families in each of Star Academies' Muslim faith schools came together to raise over £100,000 for charity over Ramadhaan. This helped to support:

- our Star family in Syria by funding hospitals and healthcare centres serving Syrian children, as well as providing access to clean water and hygiene kits for Syrian families.
- our Star family in the UK by providing food vouchers, food packs, learning materials and hygiene packs to impoverished families and supplying protective equipment to our local care homes across the country.

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

Project 1 – Supporting our Star Family in the UK (Lillah and Sadqah-e-Nafil)

Through this Ramadhaan Giving Programme, we will support each of the communities around our schools through the provision of food vouchers and food packs to impoverished families.

Project 2 – Supporting our Star Family in Lebanon (Zakah and Sadaqah)

In Lebanon, Syrian refugee families lack shelter, food, schooling and access to basic medical care. The Lebanese Government struggles to provide adequate support due to the economic hardship in their country. Through this Ramadhaan Giving Programme, we will fund a school for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon.

Project 3 – Supporting our Star Family in Afghanistan (Zakah and Sadaqah)

In Afghanistan, following the change in government and the removal of international financial assistance, many families are suffering with acute hunger. Through this Ramadhaan Giving Programme, we will fund food programmes across the country.

You can donate to each of these important projects through Parent Pay. Please donate generously – each pound is worth so much more during this auspicious month and this difficult time.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Sir (Mufti) Hamid Patel CBE
Chief Executive