

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159456

## **Bilal Academy**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Period Ended 31 December 2024**

## **BILAL ACADEMY COMPANY INFORMATION**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024.**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:**

#### **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:**

1159456

#### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:**

Bilal Academy

119 Milton Street

Walsall

WS1 4LW

#### **TRUSTEES:**

Muhammad Bilal Bawa

Bashir Salloo

Ebrahim Yunus Esakjee

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Bilal Academy is a charity organisation established to cater for the religious, social, and educational needs of the community and to provide services for the care and wellbeing of our community.

Post COVID-19 Bilal Academy still faces profound challenges in delivering our services.

However, even with these unprecedented challenges Bilal Academy have strived to create a friendly and supportive environment to the community of Walsall with an online presence and remote support via our website, email, and phone.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Our Doctrine is to promote the teachings of the Quran, the Prophet Muhammad, and his companions (peace be upon him and them) as defined and interpreted by the Ahlus-Sunnah Wal Jamma'ah and expounded by the Pious predecessors (peace be upon them).

We aim to advance the education of the public and young people by providing language classes and recreational activities to develop their capabilities that they may grow to become good citizens.

## **STRUCTURE**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES**

- To advance education for the benefit of the poor, the underprivileged and the general public by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or assistance in the provision of educational activities and facilities, such as supplementary schools and adult learning programs, for the benefit of the said persons.

- To advance the religion of Islam, by means of, but not exclusively, promoting the teachings and tenets of Islam, provision of facilities for worship and provision of facilities for Islamic education, in accordance with the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as defined and interpreted by the Ahlus-Sunnah Wal Jamma'ah school of thought.
- To relieve financial hardship, distress and suffering among poor people, the disabled, victims of natural and man-made disasters and other people in need, by means of, but not exclusively, making grants or loans for providing or paying for food, clothing, equipment, services, and facilities for the benefit of the said persons.
- To relieve sickness and to preserve good health among the poor, underprivileged and people in need by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or assistance in the provision of services, equipment, medicines or grants for medical diagnosis and treatment, or provision of health education for the benefit of the said persons.
- To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have.
- Need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS:**

This financial year we provided the following:

- Diploma in modern standard Arabic for men and women – A level 3 diploma programme in modern Arabic Studies, learning to read, write, speak and understand the Arabic language.
- Venue Hire – Hiring out the upstairs and downstairs halls.
- Mental Health Support – Making sure we offer help and support directly to people who face mental health problems.
- Foodbank – Offering support to local people experiencing temporary difficulties.
- Boxercise for men and women – Providing a fun and effective form of exercise for both men and women of varying fitness levels.
- Youth Club – The youth club provides a safe, nurturing environment with Muslim mentors for boys to develop essential skills, strengthen their faith and enjoy activities rooted in Islamic values.
- Nikah Services – Providing Islamic marriage nikah contracts.
- Marriage Counseling – Helping couples build/sustain strong healthy relationships.

- Marriage seminar – Providing Islamic knowledge and understanding of marriage.
- Litter Picking – Volunteering to help clean up the local community.
- Places of welcome chat and tea – A place where people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute.
- Tea and coffee afternoons for the elderly – A chance for the elderly to come and have a chat over a cup of tea and coffee.
- Community Iftar – We welcomed women in the holy month of Ramadhan to come and open their fast with us by sharing food.
- Henna for women - An end of Ramadhan celebration for women to come and have their henna applied.
- Family Funday and many other events

## **DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE:**

The Bilal Academy building has required substantial structural work; the first phase of renovation work of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor was completed with income generated via fundraising and taking loans to complete the build. This created a financial burden on the charity in repaying the loan over 5 years.

This phase of renovation, which included renovation of the first floor, was completed this year, and we now have classes running fully in the ground floor hall.

Our next stages of renovations are to have a lift installed in the building to enable easy access to people who have difficulty using the stairs.

We also have plans to renovate the entrance of the building.

As the classes have increased vastly, we are also looking to expand our estate.

## **FUTURE ASPIRATIONS:**

- Renovations of washroom and wudhu facilities
- Lift installation
- Front entrance renovation
- Self-defense Classes for women
- Mothers and toddlers' classes and activities
- Health and Awareness program
- IT Classes for the community
- Drug and alcohol awareness programs
- Revert Classes/Workshops
- Conference and seminars for women
- Library resources for the community
- Matchmaking for marriage

Details of any funds held as a custodian trustee: None held.