

### *Philosophy:*

Our philosophy is to produce children who are well on their way to achieving success both in this life and the hereafter. We aim to instill in students values, morals & tools that will cultivate in them traits of excellence which will help them achieve distinction in their careers in this world yet help them retain their obedience to their Creator.

We shall implement our philosophy by showing students how to follow the teachings of the Quran and the traditions of the Prophet (peace and blessing be upon him). As Allah says in Surah Al Baqarah, verse two: “This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah”. [4] It is a powerful reminder just as Allah took a covenant from mankind from the beginning of mankind, for us to follow Him and His messengers[5].

To fulfill this covenant we will employ the methods in which the Final Prophet (peace be on him) raised his nation from darkness to light through knowledge of the Qur’an, as Allah says in Surah Al Ahzab, verse twenty one, “Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad peace and blessings be upon him) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much”[6] . We shall then look at the teachings of those who spread the Prophet’s teachings over the following 1400 years. These include the Companions of the Prophet (salaf saliheen – may Allah be pleased with them), the next generation that followed them, & the contemporary medieval Islamic scholars who have written on pedagogical methods in order to shed light on the best way to practice and share this knowledge, approach and experience with the Muslim civilization; as Allah promised to preserve His Book and says in Surah Al Hijr verse nine, “Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian”[7]. The teachings of Islam incorporated with the teachings of the world will promote positive personal qualities in the students, developing them not only at an exterior level but also nurturing their souls. With these three main components, which are the Quran, Sunnah and the practices of the Salaf As Saliheen, we return to the Prophet Muhammad’s traditional teachings where we aim to connect knowledge to our ultimate purpose of life, final return, and the Hereafter.

[1] (Include obligatory topics to be taught, such as the precise matriculation (Tajweed) and memorization of the Quran; the duties of worship; knowledge of reading and writing; and good manners, since these are obligations towards God. Gunther pg 370 – Ibn Shahnun – and that the first, Priority is to be given to memorize the Quran, reading, writing and the basic principles of faith (Gunther pg 379 Ibn Sina)

[2] See Freda Sharma’s paper on The Curriculum Challenge for Islamic Schools in America

[3] “good language skills are a basic prerequisite for intellectual improvement” – Ibn Sina

[4] The study of the Quranic scriptures in general is a great source for teaching children ethics, exemplary traditions, morals and good behavior. (Gunther Ibn Sina pg. 379)

[5] Quran 5:12

[6] Quran: 33:21

[7] Quran 15:9