

LATIFA SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (Primary)

Vetting Policy

Latifa School for Girls is a local school for national girls, whose religion is Islam – it is this fact which guides our vetting. All teaching staff operate the following procedure in order to ensure that pupils are not presented with offensive material. All staff need to be responsible for implementing this policy at all times. Inappropriate parts of text should be physically censored (see appendix) before the material can be used and all rejected resources must be given to the subject coordinator immediately. Any queries should be referred to line manager, in the first instance, who will then refer to Head of Primary if necessary.



Vetting Guidelines	Before any educational resources can be used in the classroom with pupils they must be vetted. Any unsuitable or offensive material has to be removed. Educational resources include books, written material, videos, DVDs, tapes, CD-ROMs, websites and pictures.
Offensive Language	No offensive language e.g. Oh God! Or Damn are not acceptable
Religion	No disrespectful references to God; no references which imply questioning God's will References to religion/gods in historical contexts are allowed (e.g. Ancient Greece, Egyptians) No Jewish symbols (six pointed stars not allowed) Only non fiction books related to Islam are allowed. Books in English, related to Islam, must be vetted by the Islamic staff. Pictorial representations of the 25 prophets, angels or Satan are not allowed. (see appendix for Prophet names) Neutral references to places of worship are acceptable in the context of works of fiction. References to other religions and superstitious beliefs are acceptable in works of fiction as long as they do not make comparisons with Islam
Political	Israel is not recognised. The word Israel must be blacked out. Current political references should be avoided. No references which are anti-Arab or anti-Islamic (in a historical context these must be treated with great sensitivity.)
Relationships	No explicit references to sexual relationships /extra-marital relationships/ unmarried mothers/mothers with boyfriends/ fathers with girlfriends /homosexuality. Reference to divorce is allowed (no unmarried partners).
Food and Drink	No references to alcohol. No references to humans eating pork/pigs. Allow references to non humans eating pork/pigs.

<p>Cartoon Images</p>	<p><u>Babies:</u> Allow the back view of a naked baby/baby being breast-fed. Babes must have a minimum of a nappy.</p> <p><u>Boys:</u> Allow bare upper body but must be covered from navel to top of knee. In the context of swimming, shorts are allowed. Speedos/trunks are not allowed.</p> <p><u>Girls:</u> Must be covered from shoulder to knee. Arms can be bare. Lower legs can be bare. In the context of swimming, costumes that do not cover upper arms are allowed. Costumes must cover upper legs. Bikinis are not allowed.</p> <p><u>Men:</u> Must be covered from navel to knee. In the context of swimming, shorts are allowed. Speedos/trunks are not allowed.</p> <p><u>Women:</u> Must be covered from shoulder to knee. Upper arms must be covered. In the context of swimming, costumes must cover upper arms and upper legs. Bikinis are not allowed.</p>
<p>Photographic Images</p>	<p><u>Babies:</u> Allow the back view of a naked baby/baby being breast-fed. Babes must have a minimum of a nappy.</p> <p><u>Boys:</u> Allow bare upper body but must be covered from navel to top of knee. In the context of swimming, shorts are allowed. Speedos/trunks are not allowed.</p> <p><u>Girls:</u> Must be covered from shoulder to knee. Arms can be bare. Lower legs can be bare. In the context of swimming, costumes that do not cover upper arms are allowed. Costumes must cover upper legs. Bikinis are not allowed.</p> <p><u>Men:</u> Must be covered from navel to knee. In the context of swimming, shorts are allowed. Speedos/trunks are not allowed.</p> <p><u>Women:</u> Must be covered from shoulder to knee. Upper arms must be covered. In the context of swimming, costumes must cover upper arms and upper legs. Bikinis are not allowed.</p>
<p>Kissing</p>	<p>No images of lip to lip in humans. Allow humans kissing their pets. Allow kissing in the context of cartoon images, fairy tales and fantasy but not lip to lip.</p>
<p>Love</p>	<p>Falling in love leading to marriage is allowed. Falling in love before, but resulting in, father's approval is allowed. Falling in love without father's approval is not allowed.</p>