

Zainab, Omar and Ameera are  
starting at Zaytouna Primary School

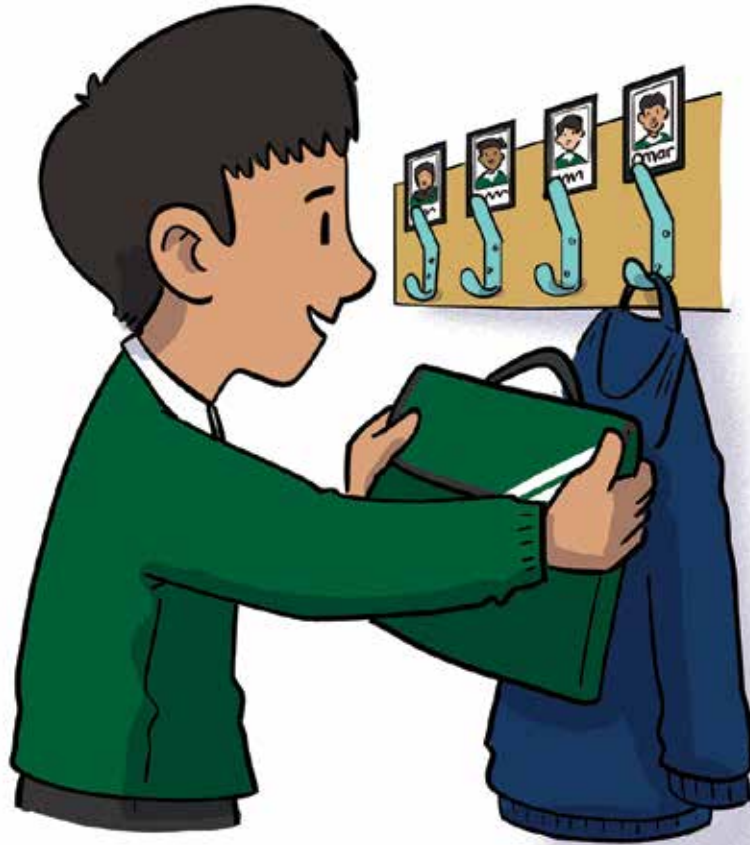
*Peace, Unity, Equality*



# What happens when I get to school?

When you arrive at school your grown-ups will bring you into the playground where your teacher will be waiting to meet you. You will wave goodbye to your grown-ups and go into school.

You will hang up your coat and book bag on the pegs in the classroom, just like Omar is doing. You will put your water bottle on the trays in your classroom. If you have brought a lunchbox from home, that goes on the tray as well.



Then you will go and play with some of the fun activities your teachers will have set up for you.

Ameera and Zainab are sitting at the table doing some colouring together.

“I like the red pencil,” says Zainab.

“This is fun,” says Ameera.

Then, when it’s time for the school day to start, your teacher will check who is in school that day and you will choose what you would like to eat for lunch.



## What learning will you do in the morning?

# What will I do in school?

You will do lots of fun activities in your classroom and outdoors. Sometimes you will spend time doing activities with your teacher and the rest of your class or in groups. At other times, you will be able to choose what you do.

Zainab and Omar are looking for things that start with an 's' sound.

"I have found one," Omar says.  
"Saw starts with an 's' sound."

"I've found another one," says Zainab. Can you see the picture she has found that starts with an 's' sound?

Small world

Phonics



Home corner

Water and sand play

There are lots of different things to explore, indoors and outdoors.

Ameera and Omar are playing in the construction area.

"We look like real builders with our hard hats on!" says Ameera.

"Let's see what we can make," says Omar.

All the activities are lots of fun and you will learn as you play.

You will quickly get to know the other children in your class and make friends.

Reading

Bikes

Construction area

Maths



What are you looking forward to doing at school?



## What happens when I need to go to the toilet?

If you need to go to the toilet, you can just go but if you are doing an activity with your teacher, it is polite to tell them where you are going.

The toilets are in the shared area between the two classrooms. You will go to the toilet by yourself so your grown-ups will make sure you have lots of practice before you start school. If you need some help, just let your teacher know.

Omar remembers to flush and then washes his hands with warm soapy water and dries them really well. This helps to stop any germs spreading.



## What if I am hungry or thirsty?

When you arrive at school, you will have breakfast. At lunchtime you will wash your hands and the lunchtime staff will take you to the dinner hall. They will stay with you to look after you while you eat.

If you are having a cooked school meal, you will go to the serving area to collect your meal and then sit down to eat with your friends. The meals are healthy and delicious. You can choose a halal meat or vegetarian option every day. You will sit with the children in your class.

“I love my lunch,” says Zainab. “It’s so tasty!”

“I can’t wait to try mine,” says Ameera. We all use good table manners, which means we use knives and forks, and we are polite and kind.

It is a good idea to have lots of practice using cutlery by yourself before you start school.



In the afternoon, you will have a piece of fruit and some water. You will sit on the carpet with your friends to eat.

Omar and Ameera are eating their snack. "I like having a snack with my friends," says Ameera.

"Me too," says Omar. "This apple is so crunchy and delicious!"



## What happens at the end of the day?

At the end of the day, you will sit with your friends on the carpet to listen to a story.

"I love story time!" says Omar.

The teacher is telling a very exciting story and the children are sitting and listening very carefully.



Then it is time to go home. Your grown-ups will wait for you outside. You will collect your coat and belongings and wait in the classroom. Your teacher will wait by the door and call out your name when they see your grown-ups.

Your teacher will hand you your book bag as you leave. You will take it home with you every night so you can enjoy reading with your grown-ups at home.

Zainab and her dad are looking at a book together.

“What animals can you see on this page?” her dad asks.

“I can see a seal,” says Zainab.

“Seal starts with an ‘s’ sound,” she says.



## How will I practice my faith in school?

When you come to Zaytouna Primary School, you and your family will join our loving and supportive school family. We follow the teachings of the Islamic faith.

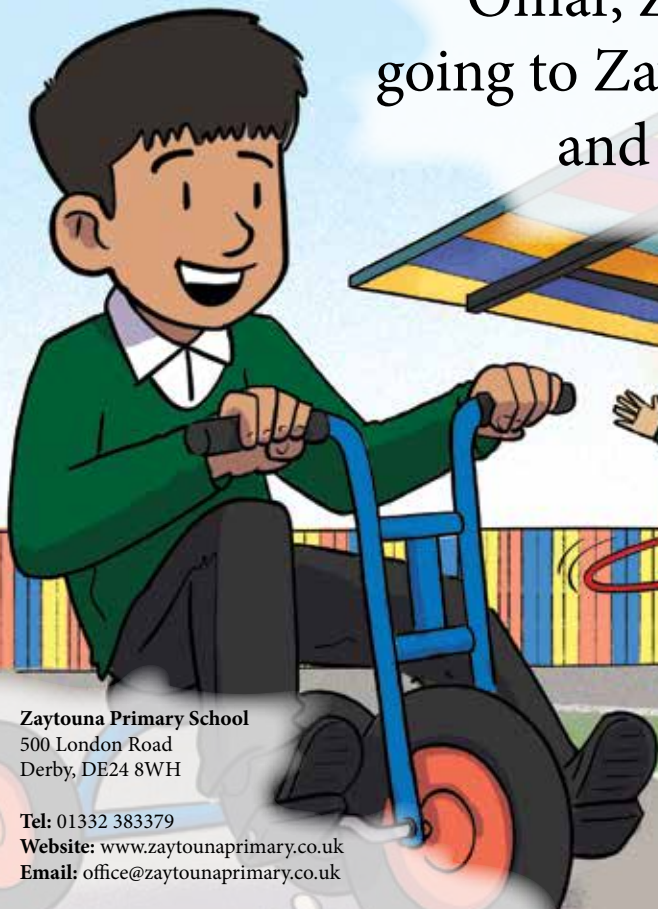
We will work closely with your family on all aspects of faith in school and we include faith in everything you learn and do.

We also have close links with the local faith community, and you will take part in weekly worship at school.





Omar, Zainab and Ameera love  
going to Zaytouna Primary School,  
and they think you will too!



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