hope is a wonderful gift...

The facts:

- We currently have 3,000 pupils which will expand as our needs and resources allow. Out of this figure 390 are orphans, and more than 500 are children from deprived backgrounds.
- The school is affiliated to the Central Board of Education, India.
- We recently achieved the status of "College"
- We now have 14 School Buses, allowing the school to collect and return pupils, from remote areas and provide field trips.
- Phase 2 of this outstanding school is now under construction, together with a purpose built orphanage which, when open in 2016, will support a further 300 orphans.
- We have attained Higher Educational status offering A-level education to our pupils.
- Our High school Pass Rate 100%, Average Pass at 97%.













A dedicated orphanage under construction providing additional facilities and further accommodation to Shams National School.



Please donate generously to fund our ongoing project and make this a worthy addition to a new generation of children.

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Shams National School

Dhawa, Ghazipur, Uttarpradesh-India

caring for all



Shams National School, UP India

Education for Orphans:

ILM believe that education is for all, which will benefit the poor and needy children, in order to empower and for them to lead their lives with dignity. ILM UK has targeting specific countries in South Asia and Africa, due to illiteracy and because of the increased rate of poverty. This challenge has been taken very seriously, and is working to promote and deliver education.

Shams National School, situated in UP India, is one of the best educational institutes which provides under privileged and orphans with quality education.

Shams National School facilitates 3,000 students, and extends from nursery to College status. Most of the children studying at Shams National School are orphans and children who come from a rural and poor background. There are currently 390 orphans at Shams who are being sponsored. Additionally ILM UK cares or sponsors children in many other countries through our schemes. Most of these children's are talented but just need an opportunity. One of our greatest achievements to date is that Shams National School is now affiliated by Central Examination Board of Education, India (CBSE), and gained College status in 2015.

Estimated 37.4 million children are orphans in South Asia, & 5.9 million are orphans in the Middle East and North Africa (UNICEF)

ILM UK are currently building an orphanage within the school campus, where ILM UK can accommodate the orphans in a better environment. By the support of the donors, ILM UK provides care, love and devotion towards the orphans in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and East Africa.









Exchange Programme through British Council

The British Council work closely with the staff at Shams National School to develop the educational projects. Teachers are all professional and excel in their subject delivery. Teachers and all partners work as a unit to deliver quality education. We at Shams embrace the fact that all members have different qualities, some have nutrition, or sports and fitness skills or some have complimentary therapy knowledge more than others. Complimentary skills are a necessity in all organisations, some require particular skills therefore teams are well balanced and congruent to the tasks. Interchangeable skills can be an asset since the team can depend on each other. Shared leadership calls for a great deal of initiative from team members.



Extension to the Shams School under construction in India.

David Foster

Former Mayor & Councillor Deputy Leader, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

"I had the pleasure of visiting Shams School, Ghazipur in 2004 during my year as Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen. ILM UK is doing good work there and I have followed their developments in subsequent years. They have made great progress in helping to transform the lives and life opportunities for children in that area."



There have been regular teacher exchange visits that are still being continued which are funded by the British Council. We are closely linked with the British Council Delhi (India) and British Council Edinburgh (UK), we provide individuals with opportunities such as teacher exchange programmes. These links are made with Beardwood Humanities College (since 2004), Saint Hilda's High School (since 2006), Reveo Primary School (since 2009) and Meadowbank Infants School, Blackburn (since 2013). Many other schools colleges and universities are very keen to work with Shams National School. Teachers from both India and the UK are given opportunities to provide and share educational experiences.

The school operates within the academic framework of rules and regulation. It enjoys the direct support of the International Learning Movement (ILM UK) charity registered in the UK.