

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The attention of the Board of Governors of The International School University of Ibadan has been drawn to several reports on the social media in respect of a female student, Ikhlas Olasubomi Badiru, who has been suspended for two weeks for committing an act of impudence. Having carefully investigated the matter, the Board hereby reports that it was falsely reported that Ikhlas was suspended for **'wearing hijab on her school uniform'** on several social media platforms.

We wish to inform parents, stakeholders and the general public that the social media report is a distortion of fact and very far from the truth. The facts of the case are as follows:

- (i) Ikhlas and some other students wore unauthorized cardigans to school on Thursday, 4 July 2019.



Above was worn to school by Ikhlas on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.



Above are the recommended cardigans to be worn in school by students.



- (ii) They were directed to remove the unauthorized cardigans by one of the Vice-Principals of the school.
- (iii) While other students, with humility, complied with the directive of the Vice Principal, Ikhlas blatantly refused to comply.
- (iv) She subsequently defiantly walked out on the Vice-Principal who instructed her and some other students to take off the unauthorized cardigans.
- (v) The Vice-Principal reported the matter to the Management of the School.
- (vi) Ikhlas was invited to make a statement on what transpired. (Please see the Attachment I below).

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NAME: Badru Ikhlas

CLASS: 5524

DATE: 04/07/19


ATTACHMENT (I)

TIME: 8:00 am

VENUE: IST main gate

STATEMENT

I wore another cardigan to school today because my IST cardigan is not good again and I was feeling cold. He told me to remove the cardigan and I said I couldn't remove it at that point that it was cold and that I would remove it when I get inside the class. And then I walked away.

SIGNATURE: 

PARENT'S GSM NO: 08034660732

REMARKS:

- (vii) The matter was referred to the Student Disciplinary Investigation Panel (SDIP) to give Ikhlas a fair hearing and the SDIP met on Thursday 4 July 2019 to consider the case.
- (viii) Ikhlas was invited by the SDIP to present her case and she did so. It is instructive to note that at the meeting of the SDIP, the following were established:

- a) Ikhlas refused to obey the instruction of the officer of the school to remove the unauthorized cardigan.
- b) She defiantly walked away when the officer instructed her to remove the cardigan. The conduct is rather strange and unexpected of any student of ISI! Indeed, from available records, this is the first time a student of the school will behave in such a manner.
- c) From all facts available to the school, the state of health of Ikhlas on that day did not prevent her from respecting the regulations of the school which she undertook to obey and be of good conduct as a student of the school. (Please see Attachment II) Besides, she did not claim that she was feeling unwell in any way while she was addressing the Vice-Principal.

# ATTACHMENT (II)

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### PARENTAL UNDERTAKING ON SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS 2016/2017 SESSION

(A)

Name of Student : BADIRU IKHLAS JSS/SS 3A

Year of Admission: 2014

We have read the school rules and regulations and consent to them.

We hereby undertake to cooperate with the school authorities in ensuring that our child obeys the school rules and regulations and is of good behaviour throughout his/her studentship at ISI.

Father's Name and Signature: Dr I. O. Badiru Date: 04-02-2017

Mother's Name and Signature: Mrs B.O Badiru Date: 04-02-2017

(B)

### UNDERTAKING BY STUDENT ON SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

I have read the school rules and regulations and consent to them.

I hereby undertake to obey the school rules and regulations and to be of good behaviour throughout my studentship at ISI.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2-02-17

The above should be filled and returned to the school

This is to inform parents that henceforth the following procedures shall be expected to be followed when withdrawing children/wards from the school:

- (i) A formal letter of withdrawal should be written to the Principal
- (ii) Submission of clearance form with appropriate signatories

Management wishes to appeal to parents to comply with this directive to avoid continuous billing of your children/wards even after withdrawal.

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Signature]  
DR M.B. Malik

- (ix) This is an established case of misconduct bordering on an act of impudence, to which Ikhlas affirmed her liability in her written and oral defense. In line with the rules and regulation of the school, the SDIP recommended that she be suspended for two weeks as a corrective measure and to serve as deterrent to other students.
- (x) The recommendations of the SDIP was considered and subsequently approved by the main Student Disciplinary Committee (SDC) on Wednesday, 28 August 2019.
- (xi) Given that the school was on vacation at the time of the approval of the recommendation of suspension, its implementation was deferred to the commencement of the resumption of school by the SS3 students.

The Board of Governors, hereby affirms, for the special attention of all parents, guardians, stakeholders and the general public, that the suspension of Ikhlas has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH HIJAB. Rather, she has been suspended for wearing unauthorised cardigan, refusal to take this off as instructed by a Vice-Principal of the school, while other offenders complied, and defiantly walking out on the Vice-Principal.

**The information on the social media on this matter is grossly misrepresented, misleading and false. As such, it should be disregarded in its entirety.**

Parents, stakeholders and especially the media are advised to confirm information before publishing them on the media. It is equally important that we do the same before accepting, circulating or acting on any information obtained on any media platform.

The Board of Governors of ISI remains highly grateful to all our esteemed parents, guardians and stakeholders for their continuous support to the school.

Thank you.

**Board of Governors**