

## THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'



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FAO: Parents / Carers of students who will be participating in Ramadan 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

With Ramadan beginning on the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023, I wanted to write to you to let you know of the support that will be available to your son/daughter.

We know that this is a profoundly spiritual experience which unites Muslims around the world but can present challenges in non-Muslim majority countries. The school will allocate a space for students to pray; staff will be made aware of when students will be fasting and be asked to show increased patience and empathy for young people who may find themselves becoming tired during the school day. In addition, non-Muslim students will be encouraged to support their peers through our messaging during assemblies.

Last year we allocated a room in L Block for prayer, which has wash facilities nearby. The girls and boys prayed at different times during the school lunch break, and we will organise for this to happen again this year. If you have any other suggestions or requests regarding how we can provide further support, do let me know. My email address is: <a href="mailto:hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk">hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>

For those to whom it is relevant, can I take this opportunity to wish you Ramadan Mubarak.

Yours sincerely

Helen Green

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