



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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

Dear Parents / Carers

With Ramadan beginning during half term, I would like to remind existing parents and inform new parents of the support that will be available to your child on return to school.

As a period of fasting, reflection and prayer we know that this month can present challenges for our Muslim students when they are going about their day-to-day business at school. We will allocate a space for students to pray – this will be one of the small classrooms in L Block which has wash facilities close by. As has happened in previous years, boys and girls will be able to use that room separately.

We have a wealth of regular lunchtime clubs which students may wish to participate in during this period, when they would usually have been in the refectory. Information about these activities can be provided by form tutors.

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. It may be that you wish to remove your child from practical PE lessons. If that is the case, please get in touch with the Head of Sport and Wellbeing, Mr Quail (oquail@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk).

As always, our non-Muslim students will be encouraged to support their peers, and they will be reminded of the purpose of the fast through messages in assemblies.

If you have any other requests regarding how we can provide further support, do let me know. My email address is: hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

For those to whom it is relevant, I wish you Ramadan Mubarak.

Yours sincerely

Helen Green
Assistant Head