

3 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a chance to read the newsletter from last half term that has been sent to you that showcases the excellent work taking place daily at Hall Green School: <u>Hall Green School Newsletter</u> <u>February 2025</u>

## Ramadan

Many of our community will be observing Ramadan over the next month. Please note the following will be in place:

- We will be reducing Friday lunchtimes by 10 minutes on 7, 14, 21, and 28 March. On these dates, school will finish at the earlier time of **2.35 pm.** Please do let the school office know if you need your child to remain in school until the usual dismissal time of 2.45 pm.
- Prayer facilities are always available for pupils but during the next month, we will review level of provision and aim to increase spaces if needed.
- All staff will be sensitive to the fact that pupils may be tired due to fasting. In particular, PE lessons
  will be adapted where necessary, in line with the appropriate guidance. You may well remember
  that we were involved in a project last year with Dr Irfan Khawaja at Birmingham City University
  around inclusion with a focus on PE and Ramadan where we featured on Sky News:
  <a href="https://youtu.be/WNFnmlimiCo">https://youtu.be/WNFnmlimiCo</a>
- Ms Smith, Head of PE, has already written to parents/carers outlining in detail the adaptations the
  department will make for pupils who need them: <u>Ramadan-Letter-2025.pdf</u> <u>Ramadan Guidance for</u>
  Schools and Educational Settings
- Pupils are able to buy food (sandwiches etc.) they can take home to eat later. We would encourage all with entitlement to free school meals to take this up.
- Our annual Iftar event will take place next week. This is now a fully booked event with a waiting list.
- Throughout the month, we will be raising funds for the following charity: UNICEF: Children for Gaza. Payments can be made via ParentPay.

Whilst we appreciate the sleeping patterns of pupils may be disrupted during this time, please do ensure your child is on time to school.

## Uniform

We are currently having a focus on high standards in relation to our uniform. Although the rules have not changed, we are ensuring consistency of application of our uniform policy. Please do support the school by ensuring your child has the correct uniform on before they set off for school. If for any reason, there is a

uniform issue, they should bring a note from home and go to the pastoral office before school to borrow the correct uniform and get a yellow slip.

I would like to wish all those observing, a "Ramadan Mubarak".

## **Key dates**

Thursday 6 March – Year 9 Parents' evening and Options' Evening Friday 11 April – Break up for Easter holiday at 12.05 pm Monday 28 April – Return to school 10.45 am Thursday 8 May – Year 10 Parents' evening

Yours faithfully

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