

1st June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh

Wishing you and your family the blessings of Ramadan.

As we spend the Holy month of Ramadan Fasting and Praying for Allah's grace....
May the Almighty answer all our prayers, accept our fast and ibadah, alleviate the suffering of all oppressed and depressed people on this planet and make life easy for everyone and grant us all Janatul Firdaws.

"Ramadan Mubarak"

This letter serves to inform you and a reminder of some important dates June/July In Shaa Allah.

Opening Hours

1. **School Hours During Ramadan (Monday 6th June to Friday 17th June):** In Ramadan, school will start as usual at 08:00am. Children will be dismissed daily at 2:30pm. Parents are asked to collect their child/children on time from the playground. Only Reception class children are allowed to be collected from their class. **Friday 17th June, children will be dismissed at 2:10pm).**



2. **Assessment Week 1:** Mon. 6th – Fri. 10th June 2016
National Curriculum Subjects



3. **Assessment Week 2:** Monday 13th – Friday 17th June
Qur'aan, Arabic and Islamic Education



4. **The canteen will NOT be providing lunches during Ramadan starting from Monday 6th-Friday 17th June 2016.** All parents must provide a packed lunch for their child/children who are unable to fast. The school will charge £5 for those who come to school without a packed lunch if they need to have lunch during the school day.



5. **After School Clubs during the month of Ramadan:** Friday 3rd June will be the last day for all after school clubs. These clubs will Insha'Allah resume during the Autumn term of the new academic year 2016/17.



6. **Cake sale** : We would like to thank all parents for their support and help. Alhamdulillah we have raised a total of £150 from the last Cake Sale, which will be put together with the money raised from previous cake sales towards having a new school gate.



7. **Meet your Muslim Neighbours event on Tuesday 12th July:** The school will be organising a Community Day Event to strengthen the relationship with the wider community on **Tuesday 12th July** after Ramadan Holiday Insha'Allah. We will be inviting the Mayor of LBHF, school neighbours, the local police, Fire Brigade, local schools, the local library, organisations from other faith groups. The aim of such events is communicate and interact with the wider community. Parental involvement, contribution and support is vital for the success of this event. We will be displaying lots of creative pieces of work which the children and teachers have prepared.



8. **Enrolment/Registration for the Academic Year 2016-17:** The enrolment for the forthcoming school year has already started. All forms which were sent to parents must be returned to the admin office by no later than the give deadline in order to secure your child's place before the next term starts.



9. **Ramadan and Eid Break** : The school closes on Friday 17th June at 2:10pm for Ramadan and Eid break. It will re-open on Monday 11th July.



10. **End of Year activity weeks (Mon. 11th-Fri. 22nd July 2016):** The school will be organising the following activities during these two weeks.

Tuesday 12th July: Meet your Muslim neighbours event

Thursday 14th July:  Sports Day (Whole School)

Friday 15th July:  End of year performance and Eid Party
 Mon. 18th- Wed. 20th July: Social outing – Whole School and Parents. Exact date of outing will be confirmed soon Insha’Allah.

Thursday 21st July: Residential trip for Years 5&6
 Friday 22nd July: Last school day. Handing out the end of year reports.
 Summer Holiday starts.



11. **Parking during dismissal time.** Please find attached the formal reply we have received from the **Transportation & Highways, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham regarding parking during home time:** Some members from the PTA group asked the school to contact the council regarding parking during dismissal time. We have recently received the following reply stating clearly the position about parking around the school during dismissal time. Please find attached the exact quote we have received from the **Transportation & Highways, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.** We kindly **urge** parents to read it carefully and act accordingly.



12. **Homework survey:** Thanks to all parents for retuning the homework survey. The two charts below give an overview of the findings regarding this survey in terms of the amount and time spent by the children doing their homework. Parents' feedback shows that the big majority agree about the amount and time of homework given to children.

Chart 1. The amount of Homework given to children (Majority of parents agree that the amount of homework is about right)

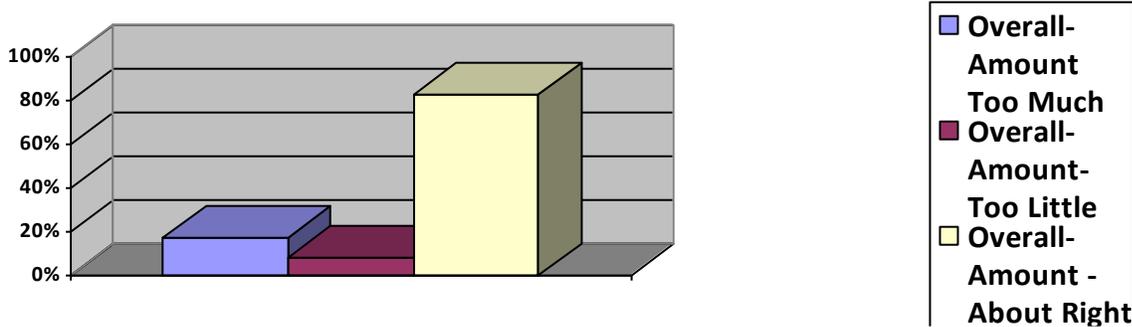
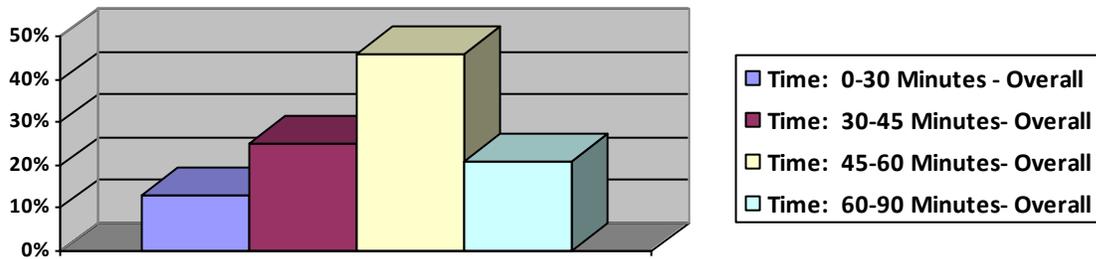


Chart 2. Suggested time children should spend doing their Homework (The majority suggest that the homework time should be: 45-60)



13. **Beginning of the new academic year:** The new term will start on **MONDAY 5th September 2016.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their help and support.

Jazaakum Allahu Khairun for your co-operation

Wasalaamu Alaikum,
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Please find below the reply we have received from the Transportation & Highways, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham about Parking during school dismissal time.

“Your letter dated 10th May regarding parking during school dismissal time (copy attached) has made its way to me.

I am afraid we cannot issue any special instructions to our parking attendants of the nature that you request. There are some 80 schools in this borough and there are parking problems at most of them, especially at morning and afternoon peak times when parents are dropping off and picking up their children. These problems would be much exacerbated if we permitted free parking as you request – this would simply encourage more parents to drive their children to and from school.

This is why we so strongly advocate the school travel plan and robust initiatives to discourage car use on the school run.

Any parents who can find no alternative to the car must park legally and pay the charges; otherwise they will risk expensive parking fines.

I hope you understand this position and can explain it to the parents at your school. The solution is in their hands – they stop driving to school, or they park legally and pay the charges.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your deputy towards strengthening the travel plan and promoting the many healthier alternative ways to travel to your school.”

Best Regards
Richard Evans, School Travel Adviser
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London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

