

AL NOORI NEWS

Al Noori Muslim School

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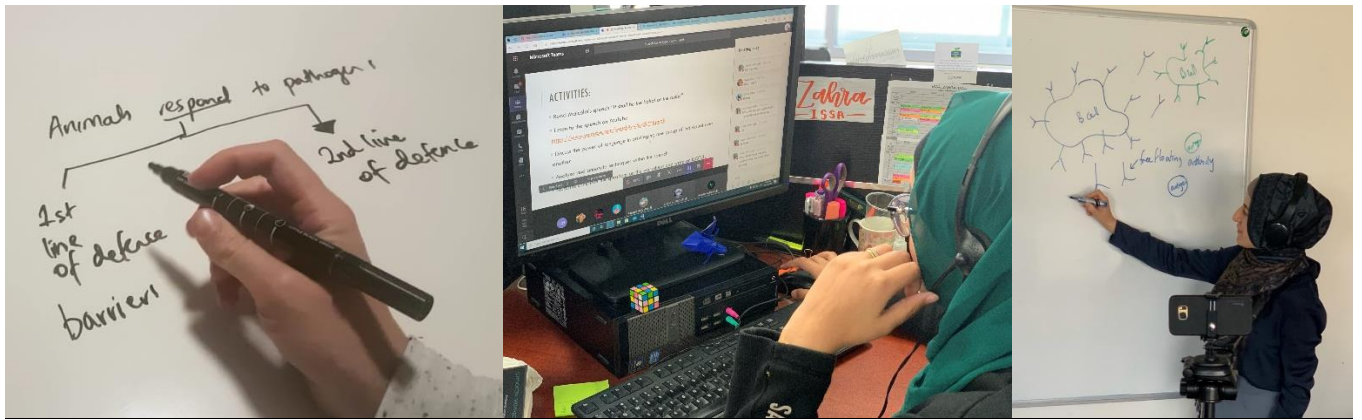
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!



CONNECT WITH OUR TEACHERS ONLINE THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS OR CLASSDOJO

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

Thank you to all the parents who have been providing the school with feedback on the progress of their children's online learning experience. We are all experiencing unprecedented working, teaching and learning conditions and ask Allah (swt) to grant us guidance and support to overcome this successfully. Ever so importantly, it is a time for reflection and patience. As part of the Muslim's core belief is that everything that Allah (swt) has decreed is for the best. Allah swt in The Holy Quran states:

قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

Say, "Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us; He is our protector. And upon Allah let the believers rely".

The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "The attitude of the believer is amazing. All of his matters are righteous. This is only for the believer. If a joy is brought onto him, he thanks (Allah swt for it) then he will be rewarded for it, and if a calamity befalls him, he is patient, then he will be rewarded for it."

COVID 19 UPDATE

The data that is being received by our government and the updates of information being released to schools and the public is changing on an almost daily basis. At Al Noori Muslim School we will continue to care for and

educate our students. We are also in the process of planning for the recovery phase when we will hopefully go back to business as usual. No student will be disadvantaged as a result of the COVID-19.

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 SECTION

- **ClassDojo** will continue to be the main learning management system utilised with K-6 students and their families during the online home learning phase through their parents' account.
- **Task submission times are now managed by parents/caregivers** and the teachers will be informed by the parents as to what is most convenient for their families. Please do not feel pressured to complete all tasks. The teachers will continue to assign tasks on ClassDojo as a reflection of the work they would have been completing in a face to face learning environment. We ask parents to communicate with the classroom teacher to set convenient submission times for you and your family.

HOW TO UPLOAD A TASK ON A PHONE OR TABLET DEVICE

1. Click on your profile picture.



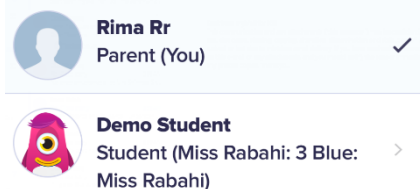
2. Click on your child's name

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Switch account

Log out



3. Accept terms and conditions (only needed to be completed once)
4. Under the world icon & class name click on the activities



5. The list of assigned activities will appear
6. Choose task you would like to submit
7. Read instructions and complete the set task
8. Once you have finished the task, press the blue start button to submit.

× Day 5: Writing (Why There Should Be a ...)

1. Turn to day 5 & complete the writing.
2. Label structure (Introduction, Arguments (1-3) and conclusion
3. Highlight- modal verbs (red); emotive language (green); pronouns (yellow) and connective (blue)
4. Worth one WOW Dojo!



Start

9. Upload your image, video or text.
10. Confirm submission by pressing on the tick. You can add voice notes or write on the image here.
11. Final ok for submission is needed. This is done by clicking the blue arrow in the left corner.

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION



EXPECTATIONS FOR ONLINE HOME LEARNING

As Al Noori Muslim School transitions to online/home learning due to the evolving health crisis surrounding COVID-19, students need to be aware of our general expectations for participation in the online learning program. The guidelines below outline general expectations. Specific expectations for each class will be communicated to students by their subject teachers.

1. **Time commitment:** For the remainder of the term and until further notice, students in Grades 7-12 need to be logging on to each of their classes as per their current timetable. During these timetabled sessions, you will be participating in a mixed-mode delivery of content. It may be recordings, live feeds, independent tasks, online quizzes etc.

2. **Technology:** Students need to have access to technology and download the Microsoft Teams app through their school email accounts. Phones, Ipads, laptops, desktops or tablets can be used to access the lessons and content. Students must log on to their meetings and switch OFF their microphones and cameras.
3. **Interpersonal skills:** Students may be active or passive members of the online classes. However, interactions with classmates and teachers are possible. Students must abide by the school's 'Responsible use of ICTs' policy and Islamic ethos at all times. Students who are found to be in breach of the school's policies may be barred from the lesson and the Welfare Coordinators will be informed.
4. **Presentation:** For classes where the cameras need to be active, students MUST wear Islamically-appropriate attire i.e. hijab for girls and presentable hair for boys.
 - × Do not use Microsoft Teams as a social chatting platform.
 - × Do not change settings that will affect the delivery of content
 - × Do not distract other students or detract from the learning experience by being silly online
 - × Do not record, screenshot, reproduce or post any form of school material on social media platforms
 - ✓ Remember ALL online activity is monitored by the school
 - ✓ Take advantage of the flexible learning opportunity to continue your educational experience
 - ✓ Communicate your concerns, issues or positive feedback to the school

We are all in this together!

What you can expect of your teachers

1. **Clear Communication:** Teachers will convey their expectations for each of their classes, follow issues up and respond to feedback in a timely manner. Tasks and lessons will be clearly communicated to students to ensure continuity of learning.
2. **Availability of administrative and support staff:** Our administrative and support staff are available during timetabled school hours to provide assistance and support. Issues may be emailed to helpdesk@alnoori.nsw.edu.au
3. **Quality Control:** The executive team including Welfare Coordinators will be monitoring online

behaviours, posts and interactions to ensure all parties are abiding by the school's discipline and ICT policies particularly pertaining to social media. Parents will be contacted and informed of any breaches of these policies. Students may be at risk of further disciplinary action upon return to school.

Tips for Parents

Prepare your children physically and mentally for the online home learning experience by:

- Setting up workable routines for your children.
- Displaying their timetable and routine in a suitable learning space
- Ensuring they wake up early, change out of their pyjamas and have breakfast ready to start the day
- Encouraging further hobbies. Learning is not exclusive to school content.
- Maintaining their positive wellbeing by allowing them to be active and exercise, eat healthy and sleep well.
- Reducing screen-time during non-learning sessions.
- Increasing family time to connect and bond.
- Being consistent in maintaining routines.

WHOLE SCHOOL SECTION

SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

All existing counselling students will still have an opportunity to access this service remotely, should the need arise.

Please email counsellor@alnoori.nsw.edu.au to set up a phone appointment where necessary.

HELPDESK

If students encounter any issues with their school-issued email accounts or their access to Microsoft Teams or Meetings, they can email helpdesk@alnoori.nsw.edu.au.

PROMOTE GOOD HYGIENE

At home, continue to provide age-appropriate and repeated instruction about personal hygiene and interpersonal physical contact. Also try to minimise activities that involve personal contact where possible.

This includes: how to frequently wash hands, correct use of masks and gloves, strategies to avoid personal contact (such as no handshaking), and correct etiquette for sneezing and coughing (into elbow, turn away where possible).

We pray for everyone's safe return to school in the near future.

Wassalaam

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