



AL NOORI NEWS

Al Noori Muslim School

Our mission is for all students to be empowered, resilient and future-focused.

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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

Sent: Friday, 27 March 2020 4:32 PM
To: Al Noori Muslim School <info@alnoori.nsw.edu.au>
Subject: Home Schooling

Asalamu alaykum
To whom it may concern,

Congratulations on your home schooling program.

I am very impressed by the way Alnoori Muslim School prepared, executed and is conducting its home schooling program. The speed and reliability reminds me why I chose this school for my children's education. Please send my gratitude to all staff involved and keep up the great work.

Thanks

M (Adam's parent) 3d
Can I just say that we are truly grateful for all the teachers' hard work and efforts.

More importantly these teachers are also parents themselves, and still they strive hard day and night.

Alnoori teachers have gone above and beyond to ensure our children are not left behind in these trying times.

Thank you. May Allah SWT protect you and reward you and your families.

Alnoori parents ❤️❤️❤️

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

Schools across the globe have been undergoing an unprecedented educational transformation. At Al Noori Muslim School, we have strived to continue to make our 'moments' count with the students and each other as colleagues. We appreciate the small notes and comments that parents have sent through by email and on ClassDojo, it has been as hard for teachers as it has been for the students and parents. We want to sincerely thank all the parents for their support during this difficult time. We are all holding on to these small tokens of appreciation as we journey through the upcoming challenges. Every day is a chance to show courage for our students, whether we are standing up for them, taking a risk in a new strategy, embarking on a new experience, or reaching out to learn something new. Transitioning to learning online has further reignited the teachers' commitment and passion to make a difference in our students' lives. **We are all in this together!**

RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE

The Student Representative Council's annual Ramadan food drive was a challenge this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we believe that even small actions can have a big impact on the lives of struggling families.

Thank you to all the families who donated canned foods and dry goods. The Community Care Kitchen thanks you for your donations and have collected your generous donations this morning.



COVID 19 UPDATE

As the School continues to receive updates from government and health authorities, we will be in touch with our school community to regularly update you on the school's operations.

CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS

Parents who are obliged to work and require care for their children, may be able to access Al Noori Muslim School's childcare services at no extra cost in light of the recent government announcement. Please send an email to childcare@alnoori.nsw.edu.au for further information.

WHOLE SCHOOL SECTION

ESAFETY AND ONLINE LEARNING

With the transition to full online learning and the increased access to online platforms, it is essential to ensure your child's online safety is not compromised. As your child navigates through the online world, parents need to be vigilant and work with their teachers to promote online safety precautions.

We have prepared this short list of resources and recommendations to help empower parents and caregivers to protect their children whilst they are working through the online learning program. We need to work together to ensure students are only accessing what is required whilst avoiding unnecessary pop ups and online advertisements.

We recommend parents take the time to read up on the following advice to keep their families safe by applying suitable web protection tools for their home learning environment.

Practical Tips

- **Follow the Class Teachers'** daily instructions via ClassDoJo and Microsoft Teams – this will ensure that students only navigate to the required websites and links.
- **Location of devices being used for online learning** should be in an area where there is constant supervision, i.e. Kitchen, lounge, etc.
- **Student wellbeing** is crucial during this phase. Ensure adequate breaks away from electronic devices at regular intervals. Embrace the mixed mode delivery of lessons.
- **Utilise the available tools and filters** to help protect your children online, however, these are not school mandated but highly recommended. Below are some recommended tools and filters for parents to explore. Importantly, the best safety measure is active parenting and sufficient supervision.
 - [FamilyZone](#)
 - [NetNanny](#)
 - [Kapersky Safe Kids](#)
 - [NetGenie](#)
 - [Norton Family](#)

Useful websites on online safety

- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/blog/covid-19-online-safety-kit-parents-and-carers>
- <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>
- <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/resources-for-families-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

The responsibility of ensuring a safe online environment is that of the parents and caregivers.

If you have any questions or require support with ClassDojo or MS Teams, please contact our IT department. helpdesk@alnoori.nsw.edu.au



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).

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 SECTION

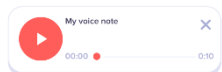
ATTENDANCE

K-6 parents are reminded to ensure that students respond to the daily roll marking thread on ClassDojo. Please reply by simply stating **'I am present'**. Attendance and completion of tasks are being monitored by the class teachers. In the event that students are sick or unable to participate in the online learning, parents are requested to inform the class teacher through ClassDojo.

CLASSDOJO UPLOADS

Parents and students have been doing exceptionally well with uploading the assigned tasks. Well done!

Please continue to upload your work by taking a photo of the completed task and avoid sharing images of your child. Importantly, please do not upload any videos of students completing tasks, as this is a child protection requirement. It is recommended that students use the 'My voice note' feature on ClassDojo to capture the voice of students completing Quran recitation, Arabic reading and other tasks.



HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded that the Welfare Coordinators and the subject teachers are monitoring student attendance and participation rates. Students who are absent from classes will be emailed by the Welfare Coordinators for an explanation. Regular unexplained absences will warrant a phone call to the parent/caregiver to follow up on their child's attendance.

Students have been directed to inform their teachers via email if they are unable to attend the online lesson due to sickness or any other valid reason. Teachers will mark the student's attendance accordingly.

MICROSOFT TEAMS

Please ensure that your child is logging on to every lesson via MS Teams and Meetings.

The high school's timetabled lessons start from 8:30am every morning and conclude at 3:30pm every afternoon. Students may also be required to participate in online homework, quizzes and tasks.

Parents need to ensure that their children are abiding by the school's 'Responsible use of ICTs' policy and Islamic ethos at all times. Students who are found to disrupt lessons or be in breach of the school's policies may be barred from the lesson and the Welfare Coordinators will be informed.

Reminders for students:

- ✓ **Do:**
- Remember ALL online activity is monitored by the school

- Remember our zero tolerance on all forms of bullying, or online harassment.
- Take advantage of the flexible learning opportunity to continue your educational experience
- Communicate your concerns, issues or positive feedback to the school

× Do not:

- 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

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

Parents may communicate with teachers by emailing them at their Al Noori Muslim School-issued email.

If you are unsure of a teacher's email address, your child is able to locate it through the Office 365 search directory when they log in to their school email.

Please ensure that all communication is courteous and respectful in line with the Parent Code of Conduct Policy.



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

Wassalaam

Mr Ali Kak
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