



## **Saturday Madrasah Parent Newsletter**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assalaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh

I make Duaa' you and your families are in the best of Eemaan and health. Staff and pupils alike have been working extremely hard this term which is now coming to an end. We have had a very busy period of admissions but things have now settled down. I make Duaa' that you and your child are enjoying the experience of being part of our Hendon Saturday Madrasah Community.

Everything is in the hands of Allah (s.w.t.) and we make Duaa' that Allah (s.w.t.) keeps all of us and our families safe throughout the winter period. Let us be mindful of others around us including the elderly and extend support and Duaas for all; both local and global. We are also advised in Hadeeth to ensure we adopt the means to protect ourselves along with reliance (Tawakkul) upon Allah (s.w.t.) It is this combination that constitutes strong faith.

Parents will also be aware that our Saturday teenage students have undergone their Annual Examinations. We hope to return marked physical examination papers via pupils in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Jan 2023.

Alhamdulillah, our Madrasah can become brilliant with the combined effort of all stakeholders including parents. As with any large organisation, there will be challenges. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to raise it with myself. You can arrange a meeting via the admin team, in person, by telephone or via email.

May Allah (s.w.t.) grant us all unity, acceptance and grace us with His forgiveness (Aaameen). Let us all create a culture of making Duaa' for one another and displaying the sublime character of our beloved messenger; Muhammad (s.a.w.s.).

Jazaakallaahu Kahyran

**Shaykh Yusuf - Headteacher**

## **SAFEGUARDING AND SECURITY**

In May 2022, we made a few changes to our hometime procedures. This was to improve traffic flow, minimise congestion, reduce resource intensity and to bolster safety. A few reminders will not go amiss as some concerns have recently been brought to our attention.

Please always maintain a culture of respect and courtesy in all our interaction with each other and neighbours. Alhamdulillah, we are all Muslims and have the sublime example of Rasoolullaah (s.a.w.s.) to adopt. We are not guided to do 'what we think is right' or 'it is my right' but what our Prophet (s.a.w.s.) would have done.

- **INDEPENDENT TRAVELLER STATUS:** Due to all pupils at our Saturday Madrasah being in Year 7 and above, we designate all pupils as having independent traveller status. Pupils will be released at hometime to journey independently and will be permitted to leave the premises on their own accord.

### **On-Site REMINDERS:**

- For safeguarding reasons, parents are requested not enter any of the main buildings or any other areas of the premises including the offices without a staff escort or prior appointment.
- Parents should also not enter the actual buildings during drop-off nor should they enter the actual building at hometime pick-up.

### **Off-Site REMINDERS:**

- Please be considerate of our neighbours by reducing verbal and vehicular noise levels, by avoiding honking and avoiding car idling. Always park safely and considerately.
- Please do not park on Montagu Road when collecting or dropping children.
- There is no justification for dropping children in the middle of the road. It is a highly dangerous practice.
- Kindly do not park on the double yellow lines at the exit point of Montagu Road on Algernon Road. It creates congestion and a tail back.

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### **Punctuality (10:00am Start)**

- Over the past 2 months, we have been heavily focussing on punctuality of pupils. Pupil lateness has been monitored over a period of 3 weeks and pupils were given rule reminders that Madrasah starts at 10am.
- Please ensure your child arrives in Madrasah on time as lateness and absences really hamper academic progress. Non-compliance for multiple Saturdays may result in the requirement to stay behind for upto an hour until 13:45 to make up for lost lesson time.

## **Pupil Uniform:**

- Madrasah Rules & Regulations state that pupils are expected to attend in full uniform. We have recently given multiple reminders and most pupils are complying. Please ensure your child attends in uniform.
  - See below an excerpt with amendments from our policy:
- 4. Uniform, Accessories & Equipment:** Students must conform to the Madrasah dress code in addition to the Islamic dress code requirements. Brief guidance:
- Boys: Qamees/Thawb, the length of which is until below the knees but above the ankles. Izaar or Loose Trousers above the ankle and traditional Headgear (Cap/Topi) of any colour.
  - Girls: Year 4 + Girls must observe full Hijaab which includes an Abaya and headscarf. Leggings are not permitted. Trousers should also be loose fitting.
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## **December Holiday:**

- Madrasah is closed on: 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
  - Madrasah resumes on: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023
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## **Homework:**

- ❖ It is impossible to achieve steady progress and higher standards without the combined effort of all stakeholders; parents, pupils, teachers & peers. Parents are requested to ensure pupils attend on Saturdays having fully completed set homework and being fully prepared for the day. This includes memorisation portions and also written Islamic Studies homework. *"Please help us to help you"*.
  - ❖ We can also only do so much on Saturdays. Please inculcate habitual daily recitation of Qur'aan and guide our children to perform regular Salaah. Tarbiyah of our children is paramount in such challenging times. We ask Allah (s.w.t.) to protect us all (Aameen).
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## **Prime Tutors:**

We want our children to achieve success in both worlds (Dunya & Akhirah). Coupled with Islamic Education, our Muslim community needs to strive for high academic standards so that we can contribute fully towards our civic and Islamic responsibilities. Muslims should be beacons of light for humanity.

Your child was given a leaflet last week with details of Prime Tutors. The organisation is co-managed by members of our local Muslims community. Please tap into such resources so that our children can reach their academic potential and to ensure we lay a strong foundation and set them up for a prosperous future.

Prime Tutors have a localised branch, a few minutes from Hendon Masjid and the Madrasah Location, on Park Road: **4/4A Park Rod, Hendon, NW4 3QB.**

For further information, you can visit their website <https://primetutorsltd.com/> or contact them via phonecall on: 07778072736 or 02072581932