



Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian, (Assalaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh)

DECEMBER HOLIDAY & PARENTS EVENING:

- We will conduct assemblies with pupils regarding the life of Eesaa (a.s.) and other updates, before we break up for the holiday.
- We will also update you nearer the time regarding our mid-year Parents Evening. It is usually scheduled on the last day before we break for the holiday i.e. Thursday 21st Dec, but could be re-scheduled for Jan/Feb.
- Please refer to this link for the 2 week December holiday dates:
<https://hendonmadrasah.co.uk/annual-calendar/>

SAFEGUARDING AND SECURITY

To ensure a dynamic safe and secure learning environment, we periodically re-visit and re-evaluate our safeguarding/security arrangements. Due to certain factors, we have decided to make some changes and take this opportunity to forward reminders to parents. The primary reasons for change is as follows:

- 1. Islamophobia has risen significantly which needs to be factored into our risk assessment.*
- 2. Ensuring that our 1-way system is not congested, particularly the external hometime exit corridor.*
- 3. Children's safety is a priority*

What are the changes:

- ❖ Pupils of Tranche Girls, Year 5 Girls and Year 6 Girls will no longer exit from the fire exits of their classrooms. They must be collected from the general waiting area in the upper playground. Waiting will now be prohibited in this external exit corridor area.
- ❖ 6 to 7 person teams have been designated to ensure there is enough invigilation during hometime at various locations. This includes security at the entrance and exit points and main entrances to all buildings.
- ❖ 2 members of staff with high viz at the exit point.
- ❖ We have applied for funding to bolster security arrangements and a site-inspection has already been carried out.

Requests to parents:

- **RESPECT AND COURTESY:** 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 Rasoolullah (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.
- **ONE-WAY:** We operate a strict 1-way system where parents enter from the pedestrian gate and exit from the upper playground gate. Parents should not enter from the exit point under any circumstance.
- **WAITING AREA:** The parent waiting area is the upper playground behind the safety cordon. We are requested to respect the concept of Hayaa' and modesty in Islam and brothers and sisters should respect each other's personal space.
- Please DO NOT collect another person's child, even if they are your relative, without prior authorisation and formal permission from parents. Parents must also notify the Madrasah in such cases.

On-Site REMINDERS:

- For safeguarding reasons, please do not enter any of the main buildings or any other areas of the premises including the offices without a staff escort.
- Parents should not enter the actual buildings during drop-off nor should they enter the actual building at hometime pick-up without a staff escort.
- Toilets for parental usage or visitors are located near the entrance to the Madrasah under the canopy area. Please ask security if unclear.

Off-Site REMINDERS:

- Kindly do not park on the double yellow lines at the exit point of Montagu Road onto Algernon Road. It creates congestion and a tail back.
- 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.

We make Duaa' that Allah s.w.t. guides us all and allow us to display the best of ourselves. May He (s.w.t.) keep us under his protection and grant us confidence and strength (Aameen).

Jzk Khayran & Wslm

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