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Dear Parents / Carers

Ramadan 2020

Usually, at this time of year we would be sending guidance to our Muslim families with regard to the approaching examinations. However, this year we know that there will be no A Level or GCSE examinations and we have also reassured students in other year groups that we will not be having end of year examinations upon our return to school this academic year. Ramadan, for our Muslim families, will also be significantly different, with no *taraweeh* prayers at the mosques or *iftars* with friends and family in attendance. It is a period of needing to adapt and adjust, and we thought it may be helpful to share the attached guidance from the Muslim Council of Britain for the period of lockdown during Ramadan this year.

With regard to students' online learning during the Ramadan period, we thought it helpful to clarify the following:

- The students' working day is flexible during this online learning period; although good practice outside of Ramadan for children is to be awake and ready to learn at 8.45am, should a different time schedule suit families better, then that is acceptable.
- Work is set each day and for each lesson. However, the due date is later than this, as specified on Show My Homework, offering students further flexibility to work around prayer times during Ramadan.
- As in previous years, during the month of Ramadan, students will be expected to continue to complete work set. This should be handed in by the due date which is being monitored closely by subject teachers and Curriculum Leaders. If any students are struggling to complete the work during Ramadan then please alert the school by using the admin@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk address.
- In the spirit of independent learning and life skill acquisition, we would advise that all of our students devise a study programme that fits with the Ramadan schedule and their family arrangements.

Should you have any further questions regarding your child's wellbeing or progress, or if you feel that there may be implications for your child relating to Ramadan this year, please do not hesitate to contact their Year Coordinator by emailing admin@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk. If your child is unwell during this period and is unable to complete the work set then please do inform school attendance by emailing attendance@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk.



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In terms of wellbeing, it is important that we stay connected and I hope that you all have time to enjoy virtual *iftars*, and online *taraweeh* prayers during the lockdown period.

With best wishes and Ramadan Mubarak

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