



SBE/JBW
1 March 2024

RE: Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr 1445
Assalamualaikum, Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Dear Blaise Families,

Blaise is proud to have a diverse student body representing many cultures and religions, and as a school, we recognise and celebrate different communities and faiths.

We recognise that the month of Ramadan is upon all Muslims worldwide based on moon sighting. We are aware that the fasting month will begin on either Monday 11th March 2024 or Tuesday 12th March 2024.

It is important that during Ramadan all students maintain 100% attendance. During this celebration period we expect students who are fasting to continue to also participate in PE. Students will continue with their regular PE classes, but they will be able to take regular rest breaks throughout the PE lesson. All PE staff are aware of the fasting dates and times. Students will continue to enjoy both physical education and any enrichment activities throughout Ramadan.

To support children and families in preparing for maintaining 100% attendance we are really pleased that Rafik Patel and Mohaddis Mulla will be joining us in school on **Friday 8th March**. Both staff members work in our Gloucester Secondary school as part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, and we are privileged to draw upon their expertise. As members of the Muslim community Mr Mulla and Patel will run a drop in session for students over lunchtime, answering questions they may have about how they best prepare for work and school through Ramadan. We will also run a families session from **3:15 - 3:45pm** where staff from Blaise High School along with Mr Patel and Mr Mulla can answer any questions families have, including how prayers will take place in school. It is important to us that we work together as one community so that all religions and cultures feel a sense of belonging in our school.

The school also allows for a one-day absence for Eid-Al-Fitr in accordance with the religious observance policy. Again, this will be determined by the moon and the country you're following for moon observance.

To inform us that your child will be taking one-day absence for Eid-Al-Fitr AND/OR that you will be attending the families session on Friday 8th March, 3:15 - 3:45 pm, please complete [this](#) google form.

We wish everyone a peaceful and spiritual Ramadhan, Eid, and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Bate - Assistant Headteacher - Character

