

“It takes a whole community, to bring up a child”



Ark Boulton Academy

15th May 2017

Dearest Parents / Carers

The holy month of Ramadan is nearly upon us, with the beginning of Ramadan starting on or around 27th May 2017.

Ramadan falls within the examination season in 2017 and will do so for the next few years. In 2017, the middle of Ramadan will also coincide with the summer solstice. The combination of long days and examinations will put extra pressure on young Muslims however they wish to decide to observe Ramadan.

There is a wide and diverse range of possible interpretations of Islamic law. Scholars differ in their opinions on what age Muslims become obliged to fast, how long they should fast for and the legitimate exemptions. On our website we have made available a paper put together by [ASCL “The Association of School and College Leaders”](#) to present various positions from which parents, carers and young people can draw their practice, rather than one Islamic answer. The paper is endorsed by a wide spectrum of British Muslims, who come from a range of different theological persuasions.

In order that the academy can facilitate the fasting requirements for the holy month of Ramadan could you please tick the appropriate boxes below so that we are able to collate the information needed in order to provide for our students during this period. I would be grateful if your child could return the slip to the academy’s main reception by no later than Friday 26th May.

Our relationship with parents is central to the success of our students, and the academy as a whole. If you have any queries the academy hosts a drop-in session for parents every Friday morning from 9am to 10.30am, during which they can meet with me and the other members of the academy’s Leadership Team. This is an informal environment to ask questions, raise concerns, and discuss matters of interest.

May the holy month of Ramadan and this Eid be a peaceful and blessed occasion for our families and communities.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs H K Channa
Principal

Student Name:..... Tutor Group:.....

My child will be fasting during the Ramadan period and will not require a meal.

My child will be partially fasting/not fasting during the Ramadan period and will require a meal.

Signature of Parent:..... Date:.....

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“Growing together, reaching higher”