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Dear Parents/Carers

Ramadan at Swanlea School

We are proud of our diverse community at Swanlea School and recognise that many of our families are currently observing the fast during the month of Ramadan.

We recognise that this a spiritually rewarding time for our young people, but it is also one that is physically challenging at times due to the demands of fasting.

During the month of Ramadan, it is essential that all pupils continue to attend school as normal every day, on time, ready to learn, so that they can continue to achieve.

We would like to thank the overwhelming majority of our parents and carers for supporting us in maintaining excellent daily attendance. In this build up to exams for all year groups, especially GCSE & A-Levels, every lesson counts for our pupils.

In the case of a very small number of pupils we would like to remind families that fasting should not be a reason for non-attendance to school, instead they should be encouraged to remain focused and continue to work hard during Ramadan.

At Swanlea we have made a number of adjustments to support our young people that are choosing to fast including:

- additional prayer spaces for male and female pupils
- congregational prayers for male and female pupils
- increased ablution capacity
- quiet spaces where pupils may go if they do not wish to go to the playground
- PE lessons adjusted to accommodate pupils that are fasting
- Support from our well-being hub for pupils who feel unwell during the day.

We will continue to work in partnership with parents, carers and our young people to help them achieve and are grateful for your support in ensuring that all children continue to attend school regularly.

Yours faithfully



Kabir Miah
Head of School



Brenda Landers
Executive Head