

6th June 2021

Dear all Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of Ramadan we are preparing to celebrate Eid as a school community, recognising that a large number of our pupils are Muslim.

We are expecting Eid al Fitr to be celebrated on Wednesday 12th May or Thursday 13th May 2021. We will welcome all pupils, both Muslim and non-Muslim to school this day for a regular day of learning - however we do recognise that some parents may choose for their child to celebrate at home as a family. If your child is going to be absent for this day, please complete [THIS FORM](#) by **Monday 10th May** so that the absence is authorised. Please complete one form per child if you have more than one at the school so that we are able to track attendance accurately. The school can only authorise one day of absence for a religious celebration. You do not need to do anything if your child will be in school on this day.

Some parents have asked why we are not having the day as an INSET / professional development day for staff training as KSA had in 2019 and years previous to this, so that Muslim pupils do not miss out on a day of learning. The reason for this is that on reflection and having taken feedback, we do not feel it is inclusive to our Muslim staff to have a professional development day on a day which they may be absent for religious observance.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive community and one that develops informed and aware young people so we will be educating all pupils about Eid as a religious festival in a similar way that we would other religion's special events and celebrations.

For those pupils in school on Eid al Fitr we will celebrate Eid in a Covid-secure way. In primary this will be class parties with food for 30 minutes in the afternoon, and dismissal at the same time as normal. Children can wear their own party clothes all day. In secondary this will be with some Eid celebratory refreshments in addition to the normal school lunch.

Kind regards,

King Solomon Academy