



Monday 4th March 2024.

Information Regarding Ramadan.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to communicate some key messages for Ramadan due to be observed in March.

We are looking forward to supporting our students and staff as many will choose to observe Ramadan in the coming weeks and celebrate the following festival of Eid thereafter. I wanted to let you know some more information about how we will support this period of special observation at Oasis Academy Leesbrook.

At Oasis we value our diverse community and strive to create an environment where people of all faiths and none are welcomed, indeed our 9 habits of: **Compassion, Hopefulness, Joyfulness, Forgiveness, Consideration, Patience, Humility, Honesty, and Self-Control** underpin this and will be a helpful focus for our students as they observe Ramadan. We will highlight this in assemblies and during family time.

During the period of Ramadan, we will have prayer spaces available at lunchtime for students and staff.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, these will still be available as a takeaway sandwich option for your child to have once their fast is opened. The packed lunch will be available for collection at lunchtime in the dining room. Please indicate your child's intention to collect this during their period of fasting so they may be able to take it home and enjoy once the fast opens. Please complete the Microsoft form accessible <https://forms.office.com/e/T6RLw7099i> to list your child for this FSM option. The form will close on Thursday 7th March Note that the canteen will be serving hot meals daily for students who wish to have a school meal and will be asked to indicate this option as normal during family time each morning.

The wellbeing of our students is paramount so we will be extra vigilant for signs of fatigue and dehydration during this period. Our PE activities will continue as normal with the staff choosing appropriate activities and closely monitoring students who are fasting. In the case of dehydration or if we have any cause for concern for the wellbeing of our students, we will take the appropriate necessary steps in accordance with our academy policies. If a student feels unwell at any stage, they should inform their teacher in the first instance.

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If your student is in Year 11, we want to ensure all students have the best opportunity to reach and exceed their expectations in their exam preparations and so we encourage an open conversation about the appropriateness of fasting for each individual.

We trust these measures will best support our students during Ramadan and will facilitate a significant time of reflection and spiritual growth. It is essential that the academies usual high expectations of behaviour, hard work and aspiration are met, and we value your support in this. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ramadhan Kareem to all our students and families observing Ramadhan in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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