



12th February 2021 – 29th Jumada Al-Thani 1442

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parents/Guardians and students,

Thank you for your continued support during this period of lockdown; it has been a most challenging period in education. We are in awe of how our students have risen to the unique challenges which they have faced and how you as parents have supported them.

I am extremely grateful to the staff who have worked tirelessly to support and educate our students through this immensely difficult time. They have put in a lot of effort into creating online lessons and devising resources that can be accessed at home.

The remote learning offered during this period of lockdown has been structured to match the curriculum offer we have in school and around the timetable of our students. For many this has provided an opportunity to structure their day, engage in the live lessons and work independently on tasks.

Last week’s whole school online attendance was 98.2%, thank you for your support with your child’s attendance. We hope to continue this high level of attendance after half term.

Our Remote Learning Policy is available on our website in the information section. It is important that your child engages with home learning and upholds the principles of the Pupil Code of Conduct in the Remote Learning Policy. Students should arrive on time for registration at 8am. We have high expectations of students’ attendance, engagement, and work ethic, irrespective of whether learning is conducted remotely or face-to-face. It would be helpful if you could take an active role in your child’s learning by asking them about their day and what work they have done.

Online safety for our students is vital, please use the below links for further information:

[Item-3.2-Online-Safety-Pupils-Guide.pdf \(edenboysbirmingham.com\)](#)

[Item-3.2-Online-Safety-Parents-Guide.pdf \(edenboysbirmingham.com\)](#)

Your child’s wellbeing is our top priority. Our Pastoral Team have been maintaining regular contact with students and families to ensure they are fully supported pastorally and academically. Afterschool Interventions have continued to provide additional support to students’ progress and achievement and the school remains open to allow students who are vulnerable, students of key workers or students who cannot access the internet to come into school to work.

We have supported our most vulnerable students with laptops, so that they can fully benefit from the online learning from home. Some students have also been invited to attend school so that they can have dedicated access to their own device. We aim to continue supporting those families who cannot access the internet or are having issues with sharing devices with other siblings whilst in lockdown.

All families entitled to Free School Meals have been receiving supermarket vouchers electronically worth £15 each week. If you have experienced a change in circumstances, please apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>.

We continue to COVID test all staff and students who are on site, to reduce the spread in school through asymptomatic transmission. We strongly encourage those students who come in school to be tested.



Students should be tested twice in one week only. If your son is attending school, please contact their Head of Year to confirm you are happy for your son to be tested.

It is important for parents and carers to keep us updated with any new home address, email addresses or telephone numbers. Please email info@ebbham.staracademies.org with the updated information. Anything that is urgent, please telephone the school, our Reception opening hours are 8 am – 4 pm. Please leave a voice message outside these hours.

Please make a note in your calendar that our Year 9 Parents evening is on Thursday 25th March. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

I am pleased to announce the winners from the Quran Completion which took place on 28th February:

1st place – Anas Salim

2nd place – Zakriyyah Sayfurrahman

3rd place – Abdullah Nana

Staff and students also completed 23 recitals of the Quran to pray for all those who have suffered in any way due to COVID-19. May I congratulate all the winners in the competition and thank all who took part.

The school also took part in a Trust wide day of fasting and prayer on Thursday 11th February which was concluded with a virtual Iftaar programme online. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed this event.

We are having a spirited Art Competition and encourage students to produce a piece of Art (a poem, drawing, poster, sculpture) which is inspired by a verse from the Quran or Hadeeth. The best 30 will be tweeted each day and the best 10 will be submitted to the Trust for a national judging. The deadline for applications is Friday 1st March with the judging taking place on 12th March.

As always, we have been working with charities and I am really pleased to advise you that you raised an amazing £4,384.49 for the Winter Gift Programme which is a fantastic amount for such a very good charity. The school have also served over 1,200 hot meals and given gifts to the vulnerable people including bedding items which were donated to the homeless. Thank you for your help during these unprecedented times.

The school will close at 12pm on Friday 12th February. Thank you again for all your support and devotion to Eden Boys' School, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 22nd February 2020**.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Ravat
Executive Principal