

Dear Parent / Carer 27 November 2023

Assalaamu Alaikum - Peace be with you

RE: Universal Fasting Day

As you will be aware, during the winter months, we have encouraged your child to fast on Mondays and Thursdays (fasting on these days was the practice of our noble Prophet SAW).

As part of this Sunnah programme, there will be a special Day of Fast on **Thursday 21**st **December 2023** in every Star Academies faith school, dedicated to the victims in The Holy Land. If able to do so, we are asking all our pupils (and families) to fast on this day with the intention of invoking prayers and blessings for those suffering.

As part of our special Day of Fast, I am also writing to invite your child to a special Iftaar event.

The Iftaar event is a special opportunity for fasting pupils across all of Star's faith schools to partake in a special talk, then enjoy a Du'aa and an Iftaar meal together with their classmates and teachers. This year, our fasts have been dedicated to the victims in Gaza so the Iftaar event will enable special prayers for peace and comfort in The Holy Land.

The Iftaar event will take place at school on **Thursday 21**st **December 2023**. Pupils who participate in the event should complete their sunnah fast on that day.

Please find an outline of the programme below:

3.10pm Special Talk (delivered to all participating pupils across Star faith schools).

3.25 pm Quran Completion and Du'aa (prayer).

4.00 pm Maghrib Salaah.4.10 pm Iftaar Meal.

4:45 pm Close.

If you would like your child to participate in the Iftaar event, please complete the online form by clicking <u>Here</u>. As there are a limited number of places available, please complete the online form by **Friday 8**th **December 2023** at the latest. Even if your child is unable to attend the Iftaar event, please encourage them to fast on this day if able to do so.

Thank you for your support of your child's spiritual and personal development and our efforts on their behalf.

Yours faithfully,

Sajid Khaliq Principal

