

24th March 2020

Assalamu Alaikum Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter reaches you in the best of faith and health.

We understand this is a challenging time for all. We want to assure you that Alfirdaus College plans to continue to partner with you and your child/ren to continue their Islamic education beyond the classroom.

Although we have introduced precautionary measures within our centres to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we know the greatest protection we can provide our students and staff is through social distancing and isolation. Hence, we have made the decision to cease classes and temporarily close all our centres as of Monday 23rd March 2020.

Our centres will remain closed until it is deemed safe for our students and staff to return. In the meantime, we will continue to transition our programs to our new online learning platform.

PROGRAMS CONTINUING FROM 6th APRIL 2020

At this stage, the following programs only will be transitioned to our new online learning platform that is scheduled to start Monday 6th April 2020:

- Bridging
- Intermediate (Quran and Islamic Studies)
- Halaqa (Learning Circles)
- Quranic Arabic

Our exciting new online learning system will have a strong focus on the presentation and application of Islamic and Quranic concepts. It will include:

- Short live-streamed video lessons with an Alfirdaus College teacher
- Pre-recorded videos
- Online exercises and quizzes
- Classwork activities

A member of our team will be in contact soon to discuss our online learning timetable with all registered students.

PROGRAMS CONTINUING FROM 1st JUNE 2020

Unfortunately, all other programs have been cancelled for now. We hope and plan that the rest of our programs will resume, either in our centres or online, after Eid Al-Fitr (from Monday 1st June 2020). These include:

- Early Learners (Al Aqsa, Madinah and Makkah)
- Foundation
- Quran Memorisation
- Tahseen Talaweh
- Classical Arabic

NEW LESSON SCHEDULE

Program	Week 8 (23/3 - 29/3)	Week 9 (30/3 - 5/4)	Week 10 (6/4 - 12/4)	Holiday 1 (13/4 - 19/4)	Holiday 2 (20/4 - 26/4)	Term 2 (27/4 - 3/5)
Bridging Intermediate Halaqa Quranic Arabic	OFF	OFF	Online classes (Week 8, Term 1)	Online classes (Week 9, Term 1)	Online classes (Week 10, Term 1)	Online classes (Week 1, Term 2)
All other classes	No classes until Monday 1 st June 2020 (Face-to-face classes and/or online)					

FEES

If you paid for Term 1 and your child/ren's class will continue online, your fees will be transferred towards three (3) online classes. Online classes will be available to students that have paid their Term 1 fees only. If you have not paid for Term 1, we kindly ask that you contact us to arrange your payment immediately.

If your child/ren's class will not be transitioning online, your Term 1 fees will be credited to Term 2. If you have paid for Terms 2, 3 and/or 4 and do not wish to continue, you may request a refund, however we encourage you to be patient until we have all classes

either back online or face to face.

ONLINE CLASSES FEES

We understand that these are difficult times for families. We have discounted our new online learning classes to \$165 per student per term. Online classes will start in Term 2 (week starting Monday 27th April 2020).

We are excited to launch our new online learning system and ask that you take this opportunity to properly communicate and prepare your child/ren for the transition to an online platform. A device (a computer, iPad or tablet), good internet connection along with a quiet area is essential to ensuring an effective study environment. If your child/ren will be start online classes, please expect a call from our staff to discuss the new timetable soon.

If your child/ren is registered in a program that does not begin until after Ramadan, we encourage you to revise what your child/ren has learnt this term in their workbooks. If you have any curriculum-based questions, we have a dedicated 'hotline' to support you with your child/ren's learning at home. Please feel free to contact Ms. Maysa'a on 0490185198, Monday to Thursday between 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Alfirdaus College, as a not-for-profit organisation, would not have thrived without the support and dedication of our amazing students, parents/guardians and staff. We thank you for your understanding and ask for your patience and work with us as we try to overcome this turbulent period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on (02) 9791 6777 or send an email to info@alfirdaus.com.au.

Kind Regards,



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