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**Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu**

***“Acquire knowledge.***

***It enables its possessor to distinguish right from wrong, lights the way to heaven, guides us to happiness. It is an ornament among friends and armour against enemies.”***

***Nabi Muhammad (SAW)***

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Staff of Rissalah College and I would like to welcome all families to the 2017 school year. We say a special welcome to all new families and new staff members. Our Kindergarten students have settled in beautifully!

We hope all families had a wonderful holiday and are now ready for a year of creativity and critical thinking. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work, preparing their classrooms and books.

We ask the Almighty Allah (SWT) to guide and protect us and help our parents, staff and students work together to achieve the very best outcomes for our students, Insha'Allah.

## School Hours

**Year 1 to Year 2:** 8:30 to 3:20pm

**Year 3 to Year 6:** 8:30 to 3:30pm

Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 8:25am and is ready for Halaqa at 8:30am.  
Teacher supervision starts from **8:10am**.

**Kindergarten:** 8:45 to 2:30pm until Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February.

From Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, Kindergarten commences at 8:30am and remains at school until 3:20pm.

## Parking and Traffic

Please exercise great care and patience when dropping off and picking up the students from school. Parents are not allowed to double park or make U-turns in front of the school. Do avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.

## Rissalah Uniform

Our students are looking beautiful in their school uniforms, Masha'Allah.

Please note the following: sport uniforms must be worn on sport days with sports shoes. Parents need to ensure that the boys have short, standard haircuts. The hijabs are compulsory for the girls from Year 3 to Year 6. The Year 1 and Year 2 girls need their hijabs for salat. Boys need to wear navy socks and the girls need to be in navy tights. The school bag is compulsory. It is imperative that students wear their school hats to protect their delicate skins against the harsh sun.

The school uniform shop is open every Monday and Wednesday, from 8:00a.m. to 9:30a.m. If you are unable to attend during these times, you can make an order and the items will be delivered to your child. The uniform shop accepts cash payments only.

**A parent is able to embroider the name of your child on his/her blazer at the cost of \$10. She collects the blazer from the school in the morning and drops it in the afternoon. Please take full advantage of this convenient service.**

## Lost Property

There is a huge amount of blazers and various items in lost property since last year. Please collect these items. On Tuesday afternoon, 7<sup>th</sup> February, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

## Parent Information Sessions

We would like to invite all parents to the parent information sessions to be held next week:

Kindergarten (Early Stage One): Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February in K Red  
Year 1 & Year 2 (Stage 1): Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February in 1 Blue

Year 3 & Year 4 (Stage 2): Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February in 3 Green  
Year 5 & Year 6 (Stage 3): Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February in 5 Blue

## Term Times

Our school terms are:

Term 1: 30<sup>th</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: 26<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: 18<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Term 4: 10<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> December

## Important Dates

Parent Information Sessions: as above

Ramadan starts approximately around: 27<sup>th</sup> May

Public Holiday: 12<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's birthday)

Eid-ul-Fitr: approx. around 25<sup>th</sup> June

Eid-ul-Adha: approx. around 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Sports Carnival: 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Stage 3 Camp: 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 Presentation Evening: 11<sup>th</sup> December

JazakaAllah Khairan

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