

2nd May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: RAMADAN

As Ramadan approaches, we are aware that some of our students may be fasting. We respect your decision to ask your children to do this, or for your child to want to do this, but in the interest of your child's health and safety we would be most grateful if you could complete and return the reply slip below so that staff at Bournville are aware.

Should your child become ill, feel faint or dehydrated as a result of fasting during the day then we will need to know in advance what you would like us to do. Part of our normal procedures in dealing with these sorts of symptoms is to give a child water and if we cannot do this then you would have to come to collect your child and look after them at home.

Please be advised that the academy will be following the local authority guidance and our students that will be fasting will complete PE lessons that have been modified to be less strenuous. Students should still bring their PE kit and expect to take part. Students who are fasting for Ramadan are also allowed to use the library at lunch time and break time, as a quiet space away from students who are eating.

Parents of Year 11 students will be aware that Ramadan falls within their child's exams, and we would encourage parents and children to consider whether they will wish to fast during these final few important weeks. Should you wish to discuss fasting and exams please contact Mrs Yarker.

Finally, please can we remind parents that only one day of authorised absence will be granted for religious observance for Eid al-Fitr.

Yours sincerely

Mr J. Dovey
Assistant Headteacher

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Permission slip for fasting. *Please return to your child's form tutor.*

I _____ the parent of _____ in year ____ ask that you allow my child to fast.

Please delete as appropriate: In case of any health issues or emergency, I agree/disagree to school giving water.

I can be contacted on this phone number in an emergency: _____

Signed.....

Date: