

March 2026



Dear parent/carer

School Attendance- EID Al- Fitr

I am writing ahead of the Holy Celebration of Eid al-Fitr, an Islamic festival observed by some families within our school community. Eid al-Fitr is expected to begin on Friday 20th March 2026.

In line with guidance from local mosques, Hillingdon SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education), and national government expectations, Muslim students who are observing the festival are permitted to take one day of authorised religious observance if Eid falls on a school day. Only one day can be authorised for this purpose, any additional days taken will be recorded as unauthorised.

If this applies to your child, please complete the attached leave of absence form requesting one day of leave for religious observance on Friday 20th March 2026. Once an application has been submitted and approved, the absence will be recorded as authorised. Please note that authorised absence will still contribute to your child's overall attendance total for the academic year.

If the school is not informed and no leave of absence request is made, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Regular attendance at school is essential for children's learning, progress, and overall development. Missing even one day of school can disrupt a student's understanding of the curriculum, create gaps in learning, and impact their confidence when returning to lessons. Research shows that consistent attendance has a strong link to higher attainment, while frequent or occasional missed days even if they seem small, add up over time and affect overall progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ross Scaife'.

R Scaife
Assistant Principal

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