

July 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakathu.

We have received several questions regarding the school opening in fall 2020. As indicated in the letter with "Back to School Packet" that was sent to you, all three possibilities are under consideration at this time - onsite, hybrid, and online options. The school has been working hard on readiness aspects for all these three scenarios. We have met the heads of some private schools, attended school district level meetings, and consulted with the national group of Islamic schools. Above all, we are anxiously awaiting the decision from Governor Tim Walz and Minnesota Department of Education which is expected as early as July 27.

For the onsite option, the school is in talks with a cleaning company and we are also working on installing special doors at the entrance to adhere to the CDC guidelines on the daily temperature and other COVID-19 symptoms check. For the online option we are continuing to upgrade our software and hardware readiness and our staff members have been attending various training on online teaching. We encourage all parents to ensure that their child has access to a laptop, desktop, or an ipad in case we have to go with the online option. The school is also looking at the significantly increased costs of keeping the school building sanitized in case of onsite or hybrid options.

As a private Islamic school, our paramount priority is the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff. As we make decisions, we will lean into:

- Research-based approach
- Prioritize transparent and regular communication
- Effective training and education
- Reducing risk

We pray to Allah (SWT) that all our students, staff, and stakeholders are safe from this contagion.

We greatly appreciate your patience in this regard. We look forward to sharing with you the school's plan by the end of July, Insha Allah.