

Friday 21st April 2022

Dear Families,

Earlier this week, communication was shared with families to clarify the Academy's approach to children fasting during Ramadan.

It outlined that from an educational point of view, Oasis Academy Temple would prefer it if children whose families wish them to fast, did so on a "partial" basis, preferably on a Friday, to introduce them to fasting as per family belief, rather than have them fully participate as they may go on to do when they are older.

Having said this, we have notice that a considerable number of Year 6 pupils are attempting to participate fully. At this time of year daylight hours are exceptionally long, and what is more concerning is that our Year 6 children who are fasting are arriving at school feeling extremely tired, finding it difficult to concentrate and are at risk of dehydration. This is significantly impacting their concentration and learning at a crucial point in their education.

To ensure that our Year 6 children continue to learn to the best of their ability especially with it being an assessment year (KS2 SATS in May), the Academy requires that every pupil participate in the whole curriculum and therefore asks that you do not allow your Year 6 child to fast on school days.

We understand the desire for families to observe this spiritual time together however balancing educational participation at its fullest, it would be the Academy's suggestion that fasting can take place partially, over the weekend, for children in Year 6, in order that they experience this but in a way that does not restrict pupils progress at a critical point in the school year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Mr Khan

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