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To all Parents and Guardians:

Assalamu'alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh respected Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

Re: Government Teaching Plan for Term 2 (Summary Page 3)

As announced by the Premier of WA on Friday the 17th of April 2020, subject to review at the end of week three, Schools in WA are directed to open for Term 2 on Wednesday the 29th of April 2020 for all parents and Guardians who choose to send their children to school, and resume normal in-class teaching operations. Tuesday the 28th of April will be a pupil free day.

In Australia the provision of school education is considered to be a high order essential service. In Western Australia, school age children are required to attend school by law. To comply with this law, all school age children must be enrolled in a WA government school or a non-government school formally registered by the government in WA. This being the case, when the Premier refers to students attending school, it should not be assumed that he is differentiating between students enrolled in government schools and students enrolled in non-government schools.

This law was relaxed late in Term 1 by the WA Government to give parents and Guardians the option of keeping their children at home while strategies for dealing with the spread of the Coronavirus are being trialled/implemented. The relaxation of this law did not take away the right of any parents or guardians to send their children to school if they choose to do so.

While the model for operating Government Schools is pretty much universal, there is a wide range of differing models for operating Non-Government Schools that must still be compliant with non-government school registration requirements, and each Non-Government School must choose the model that best serves its own school community's needs depending on prevailing circumstances.

The clear message from Government is that all students are being encouraged to attend school as normal from the beginning of Term 2. After careful consideration of a range of important issues, including the health, safety and welfare of our staff and students, reducing and simplifying the work load on teachers, maximising our efficiency in delivering education to our students and relieving the burden that has been placed on Parents and Guardians at home, this is the model that will be implemented by the Al-Hidayah Islamic School.

Please note that our School's primary focus from the 29th of April will be on normal in-school teaching operations. However, for the time being at least, Parents and Guardians still have the option to keep their children at home. As is the case for children who are kept home due to illness, otherwise healthy students that may be kept at home will be provided with study-pack assistance.

It is highly improbable that schools will be declared risk free zones by the relevant Health Authorities while the Coronavirus pandemic continues to run its course. However, the risk factor for children attending school has been, and is still being assessed by senior Federal and WA State Health Officials as low. This low level of risk can be mitigated even further with the introduction of additional safety measures, such as:

- Parents who drive their children to school staying in their cars and waiting until their children have entered the school gate before driving off.
- Ensuring that entering and leaving the school is less congested by opening both main entrance gates at the beginning and end of the day.
- Ensuring the school cleaning program is kept to a high standard, with additional cleaning throughout the day including high touch surface areas and play equipment.
- Ensuring that hygiene and distancing measures are observed at all times.
- Using all available learning areas and other school spaces to increase distancing during learning.
- Staggering the recess, lunch and play periods to allow further distancing.
- No incursions, excursion or assemblies.

For those students who travel to school by bus, the bus fleet will be managed to ensure reasonable distancing measures are implemented while students are entering, leaving and traveling on the buses. Please confirm with the School Office if your children will be traveling to school by bus as soon as possible so the bus fleet can be reorganised if necessary due to any increase in numbers.

During Ramadhan the School day will end at 2:30 pm; please ensure that your children are picked up by 2:45 pm. After the month of Ramadhan, the normal school start and finish times will apply.

We thank you for your continued cooperation during these difficult times.

May Allah SWT guide us and protect us as we work together to attain the best possible safety and education outcomes for our Staff and Students, Amin.

Wa Salam,



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THE PLAN FOR TERM 2

Monday 27 April Anzac Day public holiday

Tuesday 28 April Pupil free day for staff to finalise arrangements

From Wednesday 29 April:

① Schools will be open for parents and carers who choose to send their children

Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend school in person, given the critical stage they are at in their schooling.

② For those who keep their children at home:

- Distance education packages and resources provided
- Where available, online support and teaching for students at home
- Schools will contact students each week by phone or online to give feedback on work package completion

③ Additional safety measures:

- Alternative arrangements for vulnerable staff as required
- \$43 million package to increase cleaning continuously throughout the day, including high touch surfaces and play equipment
- Parents and visitors must drop students at the gate
- Additional hygiene and distancing measures
- School swimming pools will remain closed
- No excursions, assemblies, camps and interschool activities
- Canteens will provide take away services only
- Schools will also be able to implement staggered starts, breaks and meal times to reduce contact

These arrangements will be in place until the end of Week 3.

They will then be assessed and reviewed, taking into account the latest health advice and infection trends across the community.