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Al-Hijra Academy E-Learning FAQs

Please read through our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Al-Hijra Academy's families. Please be aware that we will update you as often as we need to, as new information provided by the provincial government is announced.

How will my child continue learning if schools are closed?

Our homeroom teachers will be providing core subject e-learning for Grades 1 to 8 only.

What happens to kindergarten?

We will not be able to provide e-learning services for kindergarten at this time.

Does that mean no other subjects will be taught?

With some modifications to the Ministry of Education's outline, Al-Hijra Academy homeroom teachers will be e-teaching ONLY the following subjects, in the following manner:

- Grades 1 to 3: students will complete five hours of work each week: literacy and math
- Grades 4 to 6: Five hours of work each week: literacy, math, and science
- Grades 7 and 8: 10 hours of work each week: literacy, math, and science

Will my child get a report card at the end of the term?

Yes. The provincial government's most recent plan included that students will be now be assessed through online learning and will be receiving report cards at the end of the term.

How will teachers be teaching online?

Homeroom teachers will continue to use their respective digital platforms for e-learning. Some will be using the Google Classroom app as their platform with students using their school e-mails. Others will continue using Class Dojo and their websites. Teachers will use a variety of teaching methods, including pre-recorded videos of specific lessons, assigned worksheets, assignments, and scheduled online quizzes or tests. We ask that you help by monitoring your children during assessments to maintain the integrity of the assessments. The work **MUST** be done by the students themselves, without any help from anyone or anything. Plagiarism is an academic offence.

Will there be "office hours" for the teachers?

Yes. Teachers will have office hours between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. during regular weekdays to address any questions.



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What is the charge for Al-Hijra Academy's e-learning?

We will be charging a reduced tuition of \$200.00 per student per month to be able to sustain this program during these times. We pray it is a short-term situation and staff and students will be able to return to classrooms when the government announces it is safe to do so, insha'Allah.

Al-Hijra Academy will not charge the regular tuition rates for any of our students during these difficult times.

How do I continue to pay for this e-learning?

If you have EFT (electronic fund transfer) set up with the school already, you will be charged that way.

If you do not have EFT set up with the school, please e-mail a digital copy of a void cheque of yours to principal@alhijraacademy.com. You can likely find that through your online banking account. You may also scan a void cheque and e-mail it to principal@alhijraacademy.com.

For further information, or to ask any specific questions concerning finances, please contact Sr. Waheeda at principal@alhijraacademy.com.

What happens to the post-dated cheques that I provided to the school?

Any post dated cheques will NOT be cashed or used as long as the school is closed. We will update you with any further information at a later time.

What if I choose not to have e-learning for my child?

Teachers need students' work to be able to prepare report cards. We recently sent home Term 1 report cards, so to make sure student learning is reported for Term 2, teachers need to have students' work showing their learning to give a mark. If parents opt out, teachers will not be able to generate a Term 2 report card. If you decide to opt out, we will need a signed letter from you as parents that you will take responsibility for your child(ren)'s learning. This letter will be filed in the your child(ren)'s OSR so that further along the year, a missing report card has a valid reason.

When will school resume?

We intend to follow the Ministry of Education's directives and will resume school when they deem it to be safe. Until then, Al-Hijra Academy will continue to provide e-learning.

Communication is the best way to help improve the processes, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. We will continue to update you as new information comes our way, insha'Allah. May Allah protect you and your families, and reward you all for your hard work and patience.

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