



AL-HIJRA ACADEMY
For Success, Nothing Less

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RE: SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Assalamu 'alaykum, Dear Parents.

We pray everyone is healthy and staying safe. Thank you to those of you who participated in our recent survey to help guide the Al-Hijra School Board's decision for starting school in September. In these unprecedented times, we understand that parents are uncertain and uneasy about sending their children back to school.

With only a few weeks left until the start of the school year, and given that Windsor-Essex has just reached Stage 3 of the province's reopening plan, Al-Hijra School Board has decided to **delay the start of our students' return to class physically in September. We will begin the school year with full-time, online instruction for JK to Grade 8.**

We will continuously reassess our plan, and as the situation becomes more stable, we will inform you in a timely manner when students may physically return to school.

Here are some details regarding the upcoming school year:

1. Starting September, and until further notice, all teachers will be in school five days a week, teaching live classes online from the classrooms, and rotating as they would during regular in-school instruction.
2. Students are expected to get ready as they would for in-classroom learning. They should be washed up, dressed appropriately, and have breakfast before classes begin. They must have cameras and microphones turned on for each class so the teachers can see them.
3. Attendance will be taken and grades will be assigned, as is normally done.
4. The school day will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m., including two breaks (see schedule for Grades 1-8 below).
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 1. All subjects, except for physical education, will be taught. Visual arts will be incorporated into the language arts media curriculum.
 2. In place of those subjects, math and French minutes have increased this year to compensate for lost time.
6. Each student will need to have his/her own device to use for daily instruction. Please contact Sr. Waheeda if you do not have a device for your child and need assistance.
7. The book packages will be reduced this year to include only the workbooks corresponding to a textbook, or a specialized subject (i.e., Islam, French).
8. To help our families, tuition will be subsidized at \$200 per Grades 1-8 student, and \$150 per kindergarten student. These fees are only for students who are confirmed for registration starting September 8, 2020, during **both** online learning and if/when we get back to school physically until December 2020.

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9. Grades 1-8 Schedule:

28-period week, 45-minute periods; On Jumu'ah, Period 4 is the last period

Period 1	9:00 - 9:45
Period 2	9:45 - 10:30
Break	10:30 - 10:45
Period 3	10:45 - 11:30
Period 4	11:30 - 12:15
Lunch	12:15 - 12:45
Period 5	12:45 - 1:30
Period 6	1:30 - 2:15

10. As is already done, Kindergarten will have blocks of learning: the English/math/science program and Islam program, that includes Qur'an and Arabic.

11. Preschool will be open as normal, with children in the classroom.

As best we can, we are trying to bring as much normalcy and structure as possible for our students, given the circumstances; this will help to assure that as soon as we open for the students to come back, they will be prepared, insha'Allah.

We thank you for your continued support for Islamic education at Al-Hijra Academy, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Sr. Waheeda Khan
Principal