



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ramadan 2017

As many of you will be well aware, Ramadan is likely to begin on 27th May this year.

At school we very much appreciate that Ramadan is an extremely important month for Muslims and we wish to work with parents to ensure that we support children's experience in the last few weeks when this falls during term time.

Local Authority guidance states; consultation with the Council for Mosques would suggest that due to the increasing length of the day for fasting this year parents are advised that primary-aged students are not encouraged to fast. Our advice is that fasting is not obligatory for those below the age of puberty.

If your child is in Year 6 and intends to fast, please could you complete the reply slip below with your child's name and class, sign it and return it back to school so that we can make the necessary arrangements at lunchtime. I trust that you understand it is very difficult for us to make a decision not to feed children without express guidance from their parents. If your child is in any other year group, please make an appointment to see me to discuss this.

If you are participating in the observance of Ramadhan, may I wish you a *Ramadan Al-Mubarak*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any issues further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Cooper

Mr K Wheeler

Executive Head teacher

Head of School

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REPLY SLIP: Please return to School Office

Name of Pupil

Class

My child will be fasting during the period of Ramadhan

SignedParent/Carer

