

13th March 2026

Dear parent/ carer,

Eid-ul-Fitr 2026

At Weston Secondary School, we recognise that many of our families will be celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr next week.

Eid-ul-Fitr may fall on either Thursday 19th March or Friday 20th March, depending on the sighting of the moon.

As part of their religious observance, Muslim students are entitled to **one day** of authorised absence to celebrate this festival with their families and communities.

Please note that only **one** of these dates will be authorised, either **Thursday 19th March** or **Friday 20th March**, but not both.

If your child is absent Thursday 19th March, they will be expected in school on Friday 20th March. Your child's education is really important and every day in school is critical, and with only 2 weeks of term to go this is even more important, as such we would encourage your child to come to school as normal.

Students taking the authorised day for Eid are expected to return to school as normal on **Monday 23rd March**.

If your child will be absent for Eid, please complete the form below as soon as possible so that we can provide the right support and inform the attendance team.

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Alternatively, you can contact the school on 02380 447 820 and press 1 to speak directly with the attendance team.

For students who will be in school, a designated space will be available during lunchtime for any boys or girls who wish to pray. Please note that we are unable to provide prayer mats, so students wishing to pray may wish to bring their own.

To ensure the space remains respectful and welcoming for all, please remind your child of the following expectations:

- Remove shoes before entering the designated prayer area.
- Do not bring food or drink into the prayer area.
- Leave the area clean, tidy, and as you found it.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours faithfully,



David Butterworth
Headteacher

