16 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Many of our students will be celebrating Eid next week and we wish those families **Eid Ul Adha*Mubarak***!

In terms of authorising absence, we need to follow the government guidance, which permits one a day of religious observance.  The guidance is here:  [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/907535/School\_attendance\_guidance\_for\_2020\_to\_2021\_academic\_year.pd](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907535/School_attendance_guidance_for_2020_to_2021_academic_year.pdf)f

If you wish your child to be absent from school for the celebration of a religious festival, please notify our Attendance & Pastoral Manager, Ms Julie King on info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk **in advance** of the absence.  Please make sure this information is put in writing.  If you have not notified the school in advance, you will receive an absence enquiry text, following our usual procedure.

Thank you and best wishes

Ms J Snowsill

Deputy Headteacher