

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Coronavirus Update

Respected Parents/Guardians,

Assalam Alaikum,

The Board of AlBaqir has been monitoring the situation closely and had multiple meetings including today at noon. The Board of AlBaqir Academy decided to shift to online education for grades 1-9 starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Our state-of-the-art technology features will allow our students not to miss their education, and to complete the curriculum for this academic year. Shortly after, The Minister of Education of Alberta announced that all schools in Alberta will be closing down.

In order to ensure the progress of students, the following measures will be implemented by AlBaqir Academy:

1. All parents of students in grades 1-9 are required to come in on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and pick up materials for their children. We will be open regular hours, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. inshallah.
2. Timings for online classes will be sent later, and students will be expected to log online and join the live classes.
3. If you require any equipment to facilitate your children's online experience, i.e. iPad or Chromebook, then we have a few that we can give to students, provided parents do the following:
  - a. Sign an agreement to ensure their full responsibility for the return of the equipment in the same good condition by the end of the year;
  - b. Ensure students do not download any material on the machines;
  - c. Keep a credit card number;
  - d. If the iPad or the Chromebook is not returned, or returned with any damage, then the credit card will be charged for the price of the equipment. If some downloads are found, then the credit card will be charged a fee of \$100.
4. All students in grades 1-9 are expected to pay their regular fees.
5. For students in Junior and Senior Kindergarten, the fees will be waived for the last two months. Those of you who paid the fees for the whole year, then the amounts for the months of April, May and June will be credited for next year. If you wish to receive a refund, then please contact the Academy at [sawada@albaqiracademy.com](mailto:sawada@albaqiracademy.com)

We pray for everyone's safety and inshallah we look forward to seeing the students again in September 2020.

Jazakum Allahu Khaira



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