



Dear Parent/Guardian,

10th February 2021

Assalamu Alaykum (may peace be with you)

In the letter preceding this, Mufti Hamid is inviting all of us, across all trust wide schools, to observe a fast this coming Thursday. We at Olive School, Blackburn want to make this special by having as many of our Year 5/6 pupils, staff and parents observing a fast if possible. We would like to encourage our extended Olive family to partake in this fast too. In addition to observing a fast, to encourage the mercy of the Lord to descend upon us and our country in these very trying times, we would like all the Olive School family to participate in a recital of the following special du'aa (prayer), at least 120 times each:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، سُبْحَانَكَ، إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

The translation of the du'aa is **'There is no deity except You. Your Purity (I proclaim). I am certainly from among the wrongdoing ones.**

This was the supplication recited by Prophet Yunus (peace and blessings be upon him) when he invoked his Lord whilst he was in the stomach of the fish.

The virtue of reciting the above du'aa (prayer) is that 'A believing person does not supplicate by it, except his supplication is accepted.'" (Tirmidhi)

Our target is to reach the figure of 100,000 collectively on the day.

Please note that we will hold a collective Iftaar live event tomorrow which will begin at **4:45 pm**.

The link to join into the live event is as follows: <http://bit.ly/3a8Z2ww>

We appreciate that there will be a crossover with Madrassah drop off times, but this is due to Maghrib Salaah commencing at 5:15 pm. Once the event finishes, you will be given time to engage in your individual prayers.

May the Almighty guide us to do what is right and enable us to abstain from what is wrong. May the Lord cure those who are ill, grant patience to those who have lost loved ones and safeguard all of us and our country from harm. Please continue to remember our school community in your humble prayers.

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