

Asalam Aleikum Dear Manarah Families,

Insha Allah this letter finds you safe and doing well amidst the unprecedented struggles we are all facing. First and foremost, We'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your unwavering patience and support as the implementation of digital education continues to evolve. We know the transition to online learning has been extremely difficult for parents and students alike, not to mention the personal stress the COVID -19 pandemic has placed on all of us. As a result of the Governor's recent announcement to close schools indefinitely and the introduction of the Continuity of Education Plan required by all schools Manarah Islamic Academy will be moving toward providing monitored, graded, new learning opportunities for students K-8 beginning April 6, 2020. Our Middle School and 5th grade students were given their Chromebooks on Thursday 3/12 and parents had the opportunity to pick up other materials and books needed to continue with remote education.

Student attendance will essentially begin being monitored on March 30th for 2nd Grade thru 8th Grade and April 14th for Preschool thru 1st grade. However, in order to maintain flexibility, attendance will be taken based on the weekly completion of assignments.

Beginning April 14, 2020, the general expectations for learning will be as follows:

- Classwork will be posted by your child(ren)'s teacher(s) each Sunday by 5 pm.
- Teachers will make a virtual connection with their classes daily, schedules and meeting information will also be provided by the teacher. We strongly encourage students to attend at least one of the sessions daily (please communicate with teachers). Students must attend the special subject class (Arabic, Quran and Islamic Studies) daily (please communicate with teacher any attendance issues)
- Teachers will be encouraged to post specific "office hours" for parents/students to reach out with questions and/or concerns. Additionally, our Special Education teachers, School Psychologists from IU will also be working with and available to students as needed. Finally, please see the additional attachment which contains an important FERPA notice for virtual education. Please take note of #1, which states that you should NOT be recording any of the content, activities, or group communication that is conveyed via any virtual platforms our teachers may utilize to provide educational opportunities and learning.

Please continue to stay safe,
Manarah Administration