

ASHILL VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE – TRIP TO HETHERSETT MASJID AND ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTRE, AT HETHERSETT **6th June 2026**

Hedgehog Class have been studying how some Muslims, following the Islamic faith, live their daily lives, as part of our Religious Education (RE) topic. To support this work, Mrs Filby has arranged for a visit to a mosque locally, via an Imam whom the school has built a strong relationship with, as he used to be at another mosque locally where we have visited over the last 4 years. The talk on return to school is usually about his mismatched fluorescent socks and his love of football and cricket! He is quite the comedian, and it is a very entertaining visit.

The Hethersett Masjid and Islamic Community Centre, at Hethersett, <https://hethersettmasjid.org.uk/> is a welcoming setting, who take pride in showing schools how a mosque is important to the life of a practicing Muslim. The visit will include the following for the children to see:

- Presentation about the outward features of a mosque.
- Guided tour of the inside.
- Brief outline of the 5 pillars of Islam, with explanation of each, (we have been studying these at school.)
- Physical demonstration of the prayer and ablution.

Below are a series of videos, should you wish to see more about the nature of each:

The features of a mosque - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mwjhx>

5 pillars of Islam - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1-the-five-pillars-of-islam/zv84jhv>

Prayer - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks2-my-life-my-religion-prayer-in-islam/zjndxyc>

Ablution - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks2-my-life-my-religion-washing-ritual-wudu/zvwrwty>

The visit is arranged for 6th June 2026. We will be leaving from School promptly at 9.00am and returning at around 12.30pm. The children will have a later lunch but can take a snack with them. They will then have the same playtime as usual, so will start afternoon lessons 30 minutes later.

There is no fee for this visit as the Islamic Association do not charge for visits from schools. The cost of the coach hire is £265 which the Friends of Ashill School Association are kindly covering.

A few notes:

- School uniform should be worn with usual school shoes and an outdoor coat, (if the weather requires this.)
- School-based inhalers and other medications needed will be taken by staff.
- If your child is travel sick, please dose before school and let me know in advance.

If you could return the attached permission slip as soon as possible but by **2nd June 2026** at the latest this would be appreciated. Please remember if we do not receive a permission slip your child will not be allowed to go on the trip.

The trip will offer an exciting opportunity for pupils to experience another faith and would encourage all pupils to take part. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the trip, or an activity should they wish to do so. If you feel that you would like to exercise this right or wish to discuss further with a member of staff, please contact us.

Please note that should there be media coverage of this event we do not have control over how any photos taken will be used and should you wish to object to the use of photos by any such media, you should contact them direct. Finally, you have already given consent for photos to be taken by school staff but if you wish to withdraw this consent, please fill out a Withdrawal of Photo Consent Form available in the school foyer or from Mrs Butters.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Pickard
Headteacher

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Please return to: MRS BUTTERS

The Visit Leader will only divulge information on this form to other staff as necessary, to ensure the welfare and safety of the participant.

GROUP: Hedgehog Class
PLACE OF VISIT: Hethersett Masjid and Islamic Community Centre, at Hethersett
REASON FOR VISIT: Enhance Learning
DATE AND TIMES: 6th June - leave 9am return 12.30pm.
MODE OF TRANSPORT: Coach

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian

I am willing for my child _____
to take part in the above visit and, having read the information provided, I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described.

I fully understand and accept that, while the supervisory adults in charge of the group will take all reasonable care of the young people, neither they, nor Norfolk County Council, can necessarily be held liable in respect of loss or damage to property or injury suffered by my child arising out of the educational visit/journey, unless such loss, damage or injury results from the negligence of Norfolk County Council, its employees or official volunteers.

Please note, if your child/ward requires emergency treatment and this is in the vital interests of the child, we will act in loco parentis, and your child will receive appropriate medical attention.

I understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Should there be any amendments to this form after it has been handed in, please contact the Visit Leader immediately.