

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you today to address recent inquiries regarding the provision of a dedicated space for prayer during the school lunch break.

At **Culloden**, we deeply value the diverse backgrounds of our students and strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels respected and seen. We have recently conducted a thorough review of our facilities and staffing to see if we could accommodate a midday prayer space. However, due to significant logistical constraints, we have determined that we are **unable to provide a dedicated prayer room** at this time.

Our decision is based on two primary factors that impact the daily management of the school:

- **Facility Limitations:** Our classrooms, halls, and communal spaces are currently at full capacity during the lunch hour to accommodate dining, extracurricular clubs, and wet-weather contingencies. We lack a vacant, quiet space that can be appropriately set aside for this purpose.
- **Supervision and Safeguarding:** Student safety is our absolute priority. Any indoor activity requires consistent adult supervision to ensure the wellbeing of all children. At present, our midday staff are fully allocated to playground and dining hall duties, meaning we cannot provide the necessary oversight for an additional supervised area.

We understand that faith is a central part of life for many of our families. We would like to reassure our Muslim community that, according to traditional guidance, **performing formal prayers during the school day is not considered compulsory for children** who have not yet reached the age of maturity.

It is a common and respected practice for children to "make up" these prayers (Qada) upon returning home in the afternoon. We hope this information provides peace of mind to both parents and students who may have been concerned about missing prayer times during school hours.

While we cannot provide a specific prayer space, Culloden remains committed to a broad and inclusive environment.

We will continue to review our space and staffing levels annually and remain open to dialogue with our community. Thank you for your continued partnership and for your understanding of these operational challenges.

Yours faithfully



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Principal