

## TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَاتِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

School holidays are a time that children look forward to because they want to be free from textbooks, extracurricular activities or even extra classes. This is the time for them to relax, have fun and do something they enjoy.

Actually, school holidays are not meant to be spent having fun only and forgetting about school. Parents must plan activities that will make the most of their children's school holidays.

It is important to remember that during the school holiday season, various incidents or tragedies often occur, such as road accidents, drownings and others. Therefore, help our children manage their holidays to ensure they are safe. Likewise,



**Which means:** *“By the passage of time! Surely humanity is in grave loss, except those who have faith, do good, and urge each other to the truth, and urge each other to perseverance.”*

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The responsibility of parents is not only to meet the physical and educational needs of their children, but more importantly, to instill religious values in them from a young age. We should take the example of Luqman al-Hakim in educating his children. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 13 (surah Luqman) verse 17 which means: *“O my dear son! Establish prayer, encourage what is good and forbid what is evil, and endure patiently whatever befalls you. Surely this is a resolve to aspire to.”*

Parental supervision of family members is an important and primary responsibility so that they do not get involved in things that are harmful and lead to sin. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 66 (al-Tahrim) verse 6:

وَأَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم وَاَوْثِرْهُم

**Which means:** *“O believers! Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, overseen by formidable and severe angels, who never disobey whatever Allah orders—always doing as commanded.”*

Therefore, never let our children spend their school holidays doing unbeneficial things. For example, watching television broadcasts and programs

without supervision, playing games on smartphones without time limits, and meeting friends regardless of the time of day or night.

As parents, we should always pray for the well-being of our children because parents' prayers can make their children's lives to be blessed and protected from all disasters. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 25 (surah al-Furqaan) verse 74:

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**Which means:** *“They are those who pray, “Our Lord! Bless us with pious spouses and offspring who will be the joy of our hearts, and make us models for the righteous.”*

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

There are various activities that can be planned and implemented during the school holiday season, such as inviting children to perform obligatory prayers in congregation at mosques. In addition, guide our children in learning the Quran. Invite them to help with household chores and visit relatives. Take our children to visit interesting places in our country, especially historical places or tourist attractions such as the highlands, waterfalls, rivers, beaches, national parks and other places if the weather permits. Children can also take advantage of public libraries and can be sent to participate in short-term courses such as ICT classes, fadhu ain classes, ibadah camps, skills classes or any other activity that is appropriate and can add value to the development of our children's identities.

In conclusion, as parents, we need to be concerned about our children's activities during school holidays. Fill our children's holidays with beneficial things, especially in deepening their religion knowledge and other skills. Manage our children's time well by monitoring their emotional, mental and physical development. Be careful in doing activities to avoid tragedies to our children. May our children be protected during this school holiday season.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 64 (surah at-Taghabun) verse 15:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ١٥

**Which means:** *“Your wealth and children are only a test, but Allah alone has a great reward.”*

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.