



June 12, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

On Friday, June 15, the Muslim community in Birmingham will celebrate the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan with communal prayers. (Ramadan is the ninth month on the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food, drink and other sensual pleasures from break of dawn to sunset).

The prayers mark the beginning of the Eid ul-Fitr (EED-al-FITTER), or "feast of fast breaking" holiday, in which Muslims exchange social visits and seek to strengthen bonds of brotherhood in the community.

Eid ul-Fitr is the first of the two major Muslim holidays. The second holiday, Eid ul-Adha, comes at the end of the Hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca.

We would appreciate if you make the religious accommodations for your Muslim students/worker on that day with an excused absence. We expect the students to make up any work that may have been missed because of this accommodation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashfaq Taufique'.

Ashfaq Taufique
President