



Date : June 01, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

On Sunday, June 16, 2024, the Muslim Community in Birmingham as well as in many other parts of the world will celebrate a very important holiday in Islam known as Eid as-Adha. Eid al-Adha is one of only two holidays in Islam and it comes at the end of a very significant religious ceremony known as Hajj (i.e., the pilgrimage to Mecca).

Eid al-Adha is a religious festival celebrated by Muslims worldwide in commemoration of the willingness of Prophet Abraham (known as Ibrahim in Arabic) to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God (Known as Allah in Arabic). The devil tempted Abraham by encouraging him to disobey God and spare his son. As Abraham was about to kill his son, God intervened and instead provided a lamb as the sacrifice. To symbolize such event, on this day, all over the world, Muslims who have the means will sacrifice an animal as a reminder of Abraham's obedience to God, which is to serve as guidance and inspiration for Muslims. The meat is then divided among family, friends, and the needy members of the community. This day is truly a special day for Muslims and one in which our focus is supposed to be on celebration and commemoration of the story of Abraham.

Accordingly, we sincerely appeal to your consideration in making religious accommodations for your Muslim student or employee on that day by permitting them to receive an excused absence. Of course, we expect the student to fully make up any work that may have been missed because of this accommodation.

Jazak Allah Khairan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nasim Uddin'.

Nasim Uddin
President
Birmingham Islamic Society

Our Vision: To become the platform for developing and sustaining a vibrant Islamic community in the Greater Birmingham area. This shall be done in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah, in order to help improve the quality of life for all.
