

Dear Parents and Families of An-Noor Quran Academy,

Assalamu Alaikum. We are humbled and honored that you have chosen to enroll your children in An-Noor Quran Academy, and dedicate them to this important mission of studying, understanding, memorizing, and implementing the Holy Quran. This journey is too great to be taken by an individual seeking to become a *hafiz*; rather, it is a journey in which we all participate together, as educators, administrators, classmates, and most importantly, the family and parents. We pray to Allah to make this journey a blessed and accepted one for you and yours.

A teacher once reflected with us on the verse in *Surat al-Hasbr* whose meaning can be translated as:

If We had sent this Quran down to a mountain, you [Prophet] would have seen it humbled and split apart in its awe of God: We offer people such illustrations so that they may reflect. (Quran 59:21)

Our teacher told us that the heart of a *hafiz* must therefore be firmer than the mountains – and that the responsibility placed upon the people of the Quran, is not like others. Memorizing the Quran is an act of worship through which one seeks that Allah be pleased with them, and a great reward in the Hereafter. Not only this, the blessings of the Quran also extend to the relatives and descendants of its students as well. Among the noble traditions is that narrated by Buraydah who reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

“Whoever reads the Qur’an, learns it and acts in accordance with it, on the Day of Resurrection his parents will be given a crown to wear whose light will be like the light of the sun, and his parents will be given garments which far surpass everything to be found in this world. They will say, why have we been given this to wear? It will be said, because your child learned the Qur’an” (Narrated by al-Haakim, 1/756)

Patience, consistency, and steadfastness will be key companions in completing this sacred mission. We encourage you to closely monitor your child’s progress through the Academy, to help them through the natural challenges of the process and to encourage them to stay the course. The journey of the Quran is a lifelong one, and a home environment that is conducive to building a strong relationship with the Holy Quran is needed. And of course, the importance of your *duaa* (supplication) for them cannot be overstated. We pray to Allah to make our efforts acceptable to Him, to shower us with His blessings, and to make all of us among the people of the Quran – those that are His people and those closest to Him.

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