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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Saturday, 16 March, 2019

To Parents, Students and Staff – Christchurch, New Zealand

We share the community's horror and sorrow at Friday's atrocities in two mosques in Christchurch.

It is hard to comprehend such horror against helpless children and families in a holy place of worship and peace.

It is an atrocity against humanity. It is evident that it was motivated by prejudice and seeks to divide people and communities. It is a hate-crime. Evil, though, has no race or religion.

We know that people of all faiths share our grief and sorrow. Malek Fahd Islamic School embraces many races, cultures and languages. In our diversity, we share common values. We value harmony and cultural diversity, both in our School and in the wider community.

Today, as a School Board and community, we focus on sorrow, compassion and prayer. Our faith compels us to safeguard the rights of all and to value and respect all faiths and creeds.

We stand against racism in all its forms and condemn violence.

To compound our sorrow, some of you will be aware that one of the victims was Hafiz Musa, the cousin of one of our Deputy Principals, Aiyub Ahmed. Sheikh Musa was to have led the prayers at the Masjid Al Noor Mosque in central Christchurch. At the moment reports about his situation are conflicted. Our hearts go out to Aiyub and his family.

May Allah SWT have mercy upon Sheikh Musa and grant him Jannah.

It is quite likely that others in our school community have family or friends among the victims. Please accept our deepest sympathy. We offer our sympathies to everyone in Christchurch.

Some in our community – students, parents and staff – will be particularly distressed. If you know of anyone in distress, please encourage them and assist them to seek support. The School staff, under the leadership of Mr Rixon and Sheik Fawaz, will do what they can to provide assistance.

Members of staff who need assistance and support can access the School's Employee Assistance Program.

Wassalam

Dr John Bennett, Miriam Silva, Dr John Edwards, Ruba Fattouh, Fayez Moussa, Yasin Mohammed, Ayda Succarie, Karim Amin and Fehraz Fallil