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Assalam Aleikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Dear NISL Family,

The last several months have been very difficult for everyone across the world. For many months, we have been facing the pandemic and doing the best we can to keep ourselves, our families and our communities safe from its spread. We have just completed the 2019-2020 school year with distance learning and have not had a chance to celebrate our students and graduates, as the week ended with a horrific event that led to the death of George Floyd that sparked the civil unrest and protests across the nation. This is a glaring reminder that systemic racism still continues to plague our society in 2020 and disproportionately affects our Black community.

As a principal of NISL, I want our NISL Family and our community to know that we are committed to addressing racism in our school and in our community and we recognize that there is much work to do. We have to constantly reflect on ourselves and our hidden bias. We must address it in our school and in our community whenever we see it, and as well as actively educate our children. We have to live by our beliefs and our values and be guided by the words of our beloved Prophet SAW when during his last sermon, he said "All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white person has no superiority over black person nor a black person has any superiority over a white person except by piety and good action." This very basic and fundamental statement is still so very relevant to our lives today.

There is no better way to effect lasting change than through educating our children about racism at home and in the classroom. Let us not allow our children live in the world where decades from now, racism continues to exist. We carry this humbling responsibility in front of Allah SWT and we will not turn away from that responsibility, but will continue to work every day to create such a future. We urge our families to talk with your children about the events and the protests and the reasons behind them and arm them with the tools and knowledge they need so they can recognize it and stand up against it.

I pray that we can all get through this together and stand up for justice for all of our humanity and I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Aisha Blagaia  
Principal