Monday 19th August 2013, 8th Shawaal 1434
Respected Parents,

Assalam u Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

~START OF THE YEAR~ LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL~

Welcome back to another great year of learning! Alhumdulillah Allah has once again provided us with the opportunity to come back to school after a blessing Ramadhan and joyful Eid.

The start of the school year is always a moment of great anticipation and excitement. For everyone, students, parents, and teachers alike, there is that wonderful sense of a new beginning and a fresh start. It is natural for students to have a bit of anxiety but the focus should always be on the new upcoming adventure of learning and growing. A key responsibility of ours as parents is to help our children embrace this moment and prepare them to get the most out of it as possible.

You can help your child in this long journey in a number of ways. First and foremost, help create a climate of positive anticipation regarding the happenings at school.

Take the time to engage in the school. Our teachers are committed to making a difference. They want to have an impact and for that they have spent much of their summer doing professional development and thinking of ways to make this a great school year. Great schools always come back to the relationship between the child and the teacher. Find ways to engage yourself in school life. Be the part of our “S.A.M.E Volunteer Prgroramme”. Make the educational experience at your child’s school “a way of life,” not just the place where you “send” your children. Make it something special that you all share and benefit from together. Trust these great educators and value all that they will be doing for your child.

Your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team. It's a parents enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires children to do their best; and a teacher's ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things. There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times.

Real adventures in today's world can be rare, but this educational adventure is real and all about change, growth, and development. There is so much that is happening in our school. There is the creative use of technology. There is the focus on the development of “21st century learning” and all the opportunities to learn in new and exciting ways. Your child will learn to collaborate, communicate, think creatively and critically, and they clearly will develop a sense of character. All of those traits come from the vision of the school and all
of them will only occur when school and home are working closely together. Home and school together make a tremendous partnership and the beneficiary of all of that love and care, challenge and support, nurturing and mentoring, is ultimately your child. Helping our children get a strong and vibrant education is a gift - a priceless gift that will last a lifetime, InshaAllah.

I would also like to use this opportunity to welcome the new additions to the Emaan family. InshaAllah we look forward to our strong partnership in working towards our vision “Contributing to the development of an Islamic Society in Pakistan”.

Alhumdulillah it brings me great happiness to share with you some of Emaan Academy’s achievements in the previous academic year. The students of Middle Section were involved in a number of community service projects at school and in the wider community. Alhumdulillah it provided them further opportunities of cooperative learning and dealing with people of different age groups and backgrounds. Students also participated in two fairs this year, Mathematics & Science Fair and the new addition Islamic Studies & Geography Fair. MashaAllah there has been a tremendous improvement in the students’ confidence and public speaking, which many of you must have witnessed at the Fair. In the course of the year students have grown in their creativity and reflective thinking, and MashaAllah what a surprise it was to see them think and ponder with the essence of Tauheed in every aspect of their academic and personal life.

I would also like to bring to your knowledge some of the changes we have introduced in this new academic year, InshaAllah you will be receiving the unit syllabus at the start of each unit keeping in mind the suggestion by many parents in this regard. This would allow you to have an overview of what your child would be studying at school. We would also be uploading the syllabus on the school website. Furthermore, Alhumdulillah further work has been carried out on curriculum development. The curriculum can be viewed on the school website; this document provides a detail view of the educational philosophy and grade wise learning objectives.

And finally nearing the end of my letter, I would appreciate if you could take some precious time out to read regarding administrative and academic details of Emaan Academy which are discussed in the Handbook provided. InshaAllah it would be a great investment to your child’s learning this year as well as a booster to a strong active parent and school communication.

InshaAllah I hope to see all of you at the meeting, since the meeting provides an overview of the academic procedures and policies for the new session many of which have been discussed in the handbook and would be further elaborated in the meeting. The meeting will **InshaAllah be held on Saturday 24th August at 10:30 am.** It saddens me to see that many parents do not attend the orientation meetings and therefore are unaware of the school’s teaching philosophy and happenings which hinders their child’s progress as well as extend the school and parent communication gap. InshaAllah I am confident that this year all parents would be active part of their child’s learning and the happenings at school I look forward to seeing you in the Orientation Meeting, InshaAllah. May Allah guide all Muslims to spend their time, wealth and children as sadqa-e-jariah and in His cause. (Ameen)

Jazakallah.  
Wasalam.

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