

Atfal Day

Tarbiyyat through Action

Objective:

The primary objective of the Atfal Day program is to train and prepare our Atfal to become the leaders of tomorrow, and to build and promote the identity of our Atfal according to the guidelines of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II, Mirza Basheerudin Mahmood Ahmad (ra) who established Atfalul Ahmadiyya in 1938. He said, “It is essential for the continuity of virtues of a Nation that its children are trained in an environment and in a manner that they are capable of fulfilling the goals and mission of that Nation” (Alfazal, April 22, 1938).

Huzoor wanted to specifically inculcate the virtues of regularity of prayer, hard work, and truthfulness in these youths before they mature to Khuddaam. Helping to shape the identity of our Atfal with the establishment of these virtues will inshAllah strengthen our families and Jama'at.

For Qaideen, any investment that is made today in Atfalul Ahmadiyya strengthens the future of our Majlis. It significantly reduces the challenges of reforming our youth in the future. This is why it is good to continuously remind ourselves that Atfalul Ahmadiyya was established **as an auxiliary not just a department** under the care of Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya, and hence requires your extra attention and care.

Guidelines:

- Atfal Day is one day a month specifically for Atfal
- Atfal day agenda will be set by the National Atfal Amila monthly before the month begins
- Do NOT hold Atfal Day on the same day as Tahir Academy
 - If Sundays are busy, don't rule out Saturdays and be too concerned about low turnout. If you have timely communication with parents and engaging program, Atfal will come, inshAllah. Wherever appropriate for the program, Atfal Day can also be conducted on Friday evening.
 - The goal here is not to check a box but Tarbiyyat of our children by engaging them through the Atfal Day program which generally takes 3-4 hours. Doing it with Tahir Academy which already requires a considerable time investment and a rigorous program will exhaust Atfal and not achieve the desired results.
 - Other auxiliary meetings (Lajna, Khuddaam, and Ansar) can coincide
- Have your infrastructure in place
 - **Nazim Atfal** – Should have all the emails and phone numbers of the parents and should regularly be in communication with them about Atfal Day (where, when, and what).
 - **Murrabi Atfal** – Should be utilized as much as possible, i.e. helping to teach classes, oversea Tarbiyyat, and helping to manage/chaperone during Atfal day
 - **Qaid** – Should be on the same page as Nazim Atfal about Atfal Day and help to promote Atfal Day with the Nazim, i.e. Jummah announcements, procuring resources needed for Atfal Day
 - **Parents** – Should have the communication of Atfal Day in advance, two to three weeks' notice and should be on the same page as the Nazim Atfal and Qaid. They can be used to chaperone for outside activities during Atfal Day.
- Communication – Jummah announcements, emails, personal individual calls, and printing agenda out and placing it somewhere for all members of your jamaat to see.