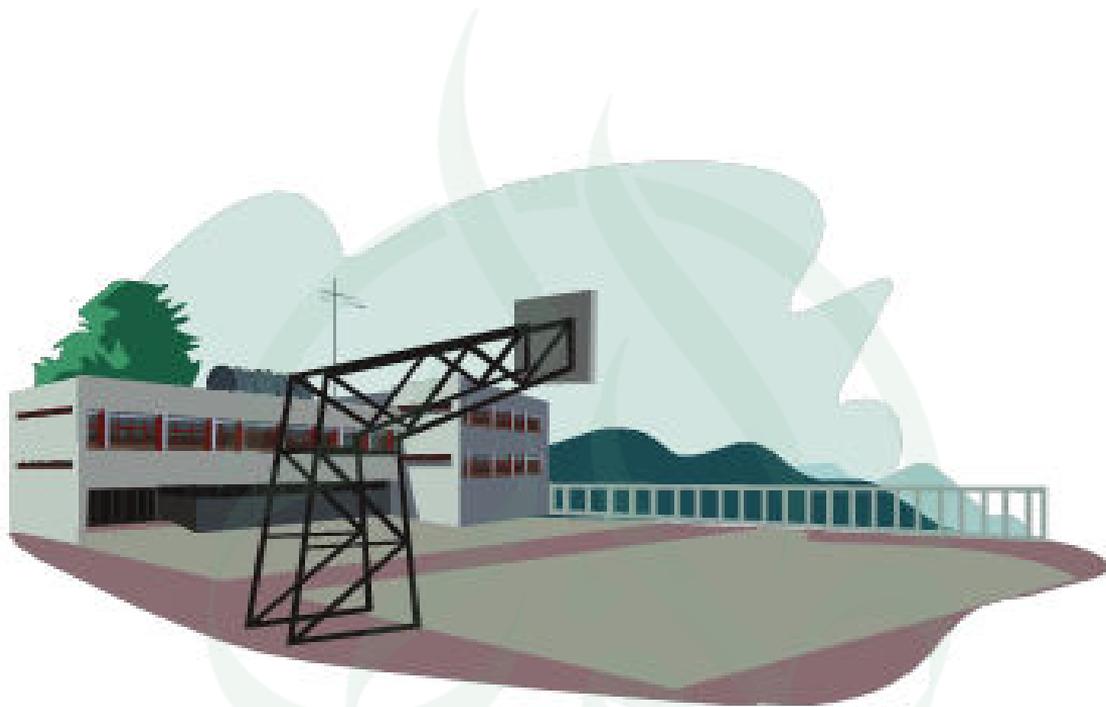


Challenges at School

Tarbiyyat Topic

Majlis Atfal ul Ahmadiyya USA



Let's talk about School Today!



What challenges do we face at School?

Think about it...



**Challenges? Take 3
Minutes to think. Make a List.**

You are the expert!



DONE?

You have the list ready? then go to next slide

Challenges at School

- Bullying
- Peer Pressure
- Girls - A lot of the boys have girlfriends
- Drugs in High School - some even have gangs!
- Pressure to participate in events like Valentine Day, Halloween, Christmas, etc
- School Dances/Proms
- Homework/Tests
- Others? You must have more



**Woh! there
are so many
challenges!**

Are there any solutions?

There is
ONE
solution

What is that? Only ONE? That should be easy...



“KNOW YOURSELF”

Do you know yourself? Who are you? Who are we?

Who Are We?

We are not like every other kid

We are Ahmadi Muslim Atfal

We are preparing ourselves to be leaders of tomorrow

Who Are We?

We always tell the Truth

We believe in One God and follow the example of the Holy Prophet (SAW)

We are not afraid of anyone but Allah

Who Are We?

We ask Allah for help

We obey the Khalifa

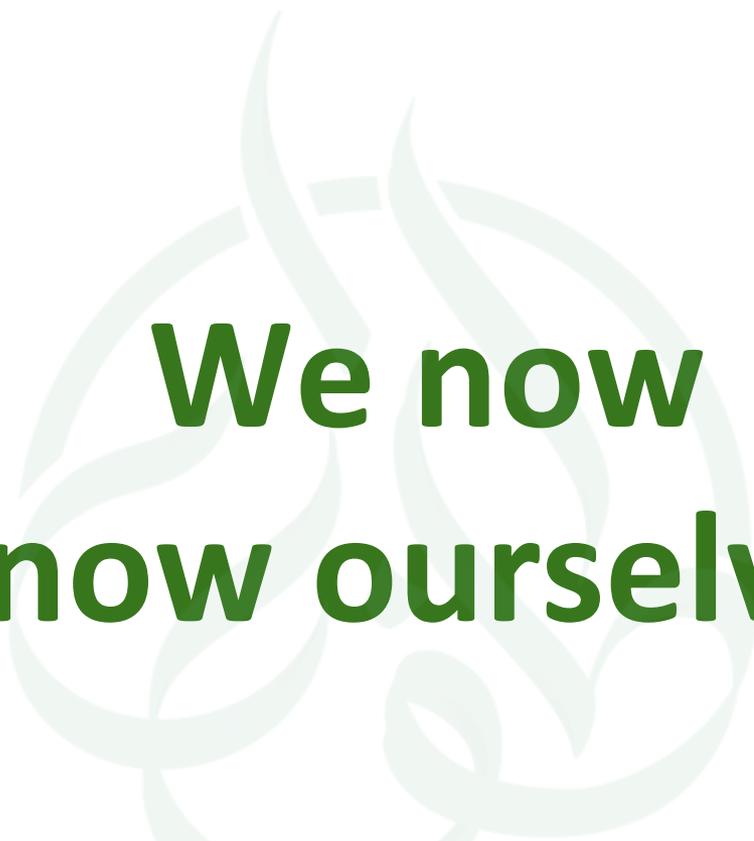
We are honest and we work hard

Who Are We?

We are friendly and caring

We are proud to be Ahmadi Muslim Atfal

**We are NOT worried about being cool but we
always do the right thing**



**We now
“know ourselves”**

We are prepared to deal with any challenge

How do
YOU (Atfal)
deal with these
challenges



Discuss each challenge on the list and ask for everyone's input

Bullying



What is Bullying? What do bullies do/say?

Have you experienced it ?

How do you stop it?

Bullying - How do you stop it?



Ignore the Bully - Don't show a reaction

Be Brave and Confident

If this doesn't help, ask parents/teachers for help

Bullying - How do you stop it?



Ask Allah for help - How do you do that?

Appear friendly and greet classmates

Make friends - Bullies avoid people with friends

Bullying - How do you stop it?



Once an enemy of the Holy Prophet (SAW) came to him with a sword when he was sleeping alone and asked:

Who will save you from me today?

Hadhrat Muhammad (SAW) replied:

Almighty Allah will be my protector The sword immediately fell from his hand with the fear of Almighty Allah and he could do no harm

Girls



Can we have girlfriends? Why Not?

Can we talk to girls in school?

Where do we draw the line?

Girls - where to draw line?



Islam requires separation of the sexes especially as boys and girls grow up

We have separate Atfal and Nasirat classes and separate prayer halls for men and women

Girls - where to draw line?



We should respect girls - Women/Girls have a high status in Islam

We can talk to girls in class/school but should not make friendships

We should not even be “just friends”

Girls - where to draw line?



By avoiding interactions in social settings, we can prevent a lot of other challenges later on

When in school we should focus on our education - that is the primary goal of going to school

Girls - where to draw line?



The Holy Quran says:

“Say to the believing men to restrain their looks” (24:31)

Don't stare at girls - that is not respectful

Be Confident - If asked tell people that Ahmadi Muslims don't have girlfriends.

School Dances/Prom



Why can't we go to prom?

Should Atfal participate in Dances?

Is it Mandatory to go to prom or dances?

How to say NO if you are invited?

School Dances/Prom



Dancing is against the dignity of Ahmadi Atfal

Proms/Dances are optional so avoid them

**We already know that we should not have girlfriends
- so whats the point of going to prom?**

School Dances/Prom



Our friends should know what our beliefs are

They should know “Who We Are”

Then no one will ask us to do anything against our beliefs

People respect individuals who stay true to their beliefs

Drugs/Alcohol



What would you do if a close friends asks you try it?

Not even a little bit?

Do you stay friends with that person?

Drugs/Alcohol



Intoxicants(drugs/alcohol) are forbidden in Islam

They are bad for you health so even a little quantity is forbidden

Drugs are addictive - very hard to stop if started

Drugs/Alcohol



Be firm and steadfast in saying **NO**

Dont be friends with such people who ask you to do things against Islam regardless of who they are

Allah says:

Keep company with the righteous [9:119]

UnIslamic Holidays

Which Holidays are against Islam?

How can we tell the difference?

Is it OK to give Valentine Day gifts?

Should we go Trick or Treating?



UnIslamic Holidays

Halloween is a pagan holiday



Valentine's Day has pagan and Christian roots

Christmas and Easter are Christian holidays



Most of these holidays are celebrated for commercial purposes

UnIslamic Holidays

Ahmadi Muslim Atfal don't celebrate holidays that are unislamic



We can convey our best wishes when someone is celebrating a religious holiday but should not join in



Holidays that are not against Islam like Thanksgiving, National Holidays like 4th July should be celebrated

UnIslamic Holidays

If we “know ourselves” and are confident about our beliefs it is very easy to explain to others why don’t we celebrate certain holidays

There are other holidays that Americans don’t celebrate like Chinese New Year and Pakistan’s Independence day because they are not relevant

Similarly we only celebrate holidays that are relevant to our beliefs



Grades/Exams/Tests



What is the best way to do well in school?

How can we ask for help when stuck?

How can we focus on Studies?

Grades/Exams/Tests



Main purpose of going to school is education

Studies should be our focus and priority

Ahmadi Muslim Atfal are hardworking so we should strive for the best grades

Grades/Exams/Tests



Recite this prayer(dua) often:

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴿١١٥﴾

‘O my Lord, **increase** me in **knowledge**’

Grades/Exams/Tests



Ask teachers and parents for help if you don't understand anything

We can only learn by asking and practice - Don't be shy or afraid to ask for help

Be disciplined in studies - reduce distractions

What distractions can we reduce? How?

Other Challenges & Solutions?



Open discussion on other topics not covered here

Key to Success - Remember this

Know yourself



Be confident and don't be afraid of telling anyone who you are - your beliefs (don't hide)

Be steadfast in your beliefs to earn respect of others

Be brave and constantly Ask Allah for help & guidance

Monthly Tarbiyyat Questions

(survey for monthly report)



- i) Do you offer 5 daily Salat?
- ii) Do you recite the Holy Quran daily?
- iii) Are you studying the translation of the Holy Quran?
- iv) Are you currently enrolled in a Al-Furqan Quran Class online?
- v) Are you currently enrolled in a local Jama'at Quran Class?
- vi) Did you write a letter to Huzoor (aba) this month?
- vii) Do you listen to Huzoor's Friday Sermon?