

# Forming Our Club

## Unit 2: Our Club



### Objectives

By the end of the lesson, the students will be able to:

- a) Understand what an Aflatoun club is
- b) Create their own Aflatoun club and a pledge for that club



### Instructions

1. Explain that the Aflatoun Club is a place where the students can share with each other; participate freely; encourage each other to save money and other resources; propose new ideas; and carry out projects, enterprises, and different actions. Explain to students that their Aflatoun club should also organize an activity related to what they learned about social and financial topics every year during Aflatoun Day (March 17), which is during Global Money Week.
2. Explain that, for any association or organisation like their Aflatoun Club should establish some basic agreements on how things will work to run smoothly, this includes electing representatives and agreeing on certain roles they will assume. Inform them that Aflatoun Club representatives usually include the following:
  - **President:** co-ordinates the activities that the members choose to undertake.
  - **Secretary:** makes detailed notes of all the decisions taken during club meetings, and is responsible for the administrative tasks.
  - **Treasurer:** keeps an account of the money collected for the various club activities and group savings.
3. Inform the students that, in order to start an Aflatoun Club, it is important to think about what *they* would like to do in *their* club, and that they should address certain issues to ensure things run smoothly. Lead the students into a discussion about how their Aflatoun Club will be organised, using the following questions as a guide:
  - What would you like to do/what issues would you like to address in the Aflatoun Club that affect your school or community?
  - What Club activities would you propose to do in your school or community?
  - Would you want to have Club representatives? How can they be elected?
  - Would you like to save as a group in your Club?
  - What name will you give your Aflatoun Club?
  - When will you meet? At what time? For how long?
  - Who would be allowed to join and how?
  - How will you organise your meetings?
  - How will decisions be made?
  - What should you do if there is disagreement between club members?
  - What are some principles or values you want all members to share?
4. Students should then write down the final decisions and put a copy in a safe place.
5. Mention that most Aflatoun Clubs have their own pledge. The pledge includes some of the things they have decided to do together, and some rules that help them enjoy the activities they do together in their Club more.

6. Read the following example to the students and then encourage the students to write their own Aflatoun Club pledge.

We firmly believe that:  
Each of us is unique and special.

We promise to:  
Honour our agreements  
Fulfil our Club responsibilities  
Respect others when we don't agree  
Follow the Club decisions.

We will:  
Meet every week on Tuesdays  
Help our Club Board  
Deposit into our savings every week  
Carry out Social Enterprises to improve our school and community  
Have lots of fun together!