

Note from Acting Head Teacher

As-salaamu alaikom

We are at the end of our first two weeks of home learning; pupils, teachers, and I am sure parents, are reluctantly getting used to this new reality - a virtual reality as far as learning is concerned, although 'real life' does feel quite unreal too.

Today we are breaking up for our two week Spring term holiday and I urge our pupils to put away their iPads, switch off their computers, shut their laptops and hand back their parents' smartphones because virtual learning is going to stop for two weeks to give everyone a chance to cut down, or even better cut out, screen time.

I hope that parents who are working from home will also get a break; I am sure you possibly feel like I do, the short commute to work from one room to the other in the house, does in no way make up for the new reality of having to do all our work on electronic devices. Our staff planning meetings, now held virtually from our respective abodes - together, yet painfully apart - deny us the opportunity to extend hospitality to our colleagues, as we sit miles apart from each other in different homes and parts of Manchester. I do miss our children, parents and staff - our lovely school community. I even miss sorting out football squabbles at the end of lunch time...!

So everyone who is not working during the holidays, please put down all your devices, except for meetings with loved ones who you cannot visit. Play a 'real life' game together, read a book with pages made of paper or have a story read to you instead. Pray, read Quran and make dua together - soothing for the heart and soul, al hamdu'lillah.

It is Shaban and insha'Allah the blessed month of Ramadan will be upon us shortly after starting school again on Tuesday 21st April 2020. As every year, we will go straight into our Ramadan school timings, i.e. 10 am to 3:30 pm. A separate letter/email with more details will be sent.

We are continuously updating our website and usually alert you to new updates. Please have a look on guidance on how to contact school during closure times.

Finally, I would like to again express my heartfelt thank you to all our parents for your support during this time. I witness very active parental involvement in children's learning every day when I pop into Tapestry and Dojo. Jazak'Allah khair.

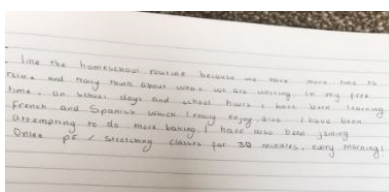
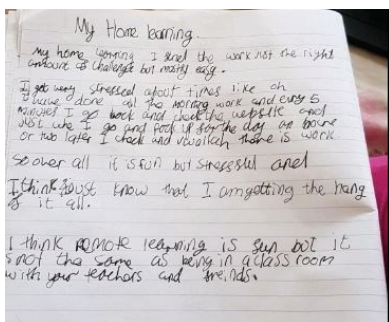
Stay safe. May Allah swt protect you and your loved ones.

Home Learning Highlights

Reflection on Home Learning by Mrs Zobeidi—Year 6 Teacher

I think it's safe to say that both pupils and teachers agree on some of the pros and cons of distance learning. Hopefully, we're all benefitting from the opportunity to pick up new hobbies, extra time with family, and freedom from the restrictions of wearing uniform and following strict timings, but we're also missing socialising with our friends and being part of the classroom environment. Year 6 have had some very thoughtful comments to make about the experience with distance learning so far.

As a teacher it's certainly been an interesting experience. I like using class dojo to send you all learning material, whether it be PowerPoints, a video, feedback on your work or just a general hello! I'm very proud of all my year 6 pupils for submitting their work on time where possible and for the sheer quality of the work I've been receiving. I hope you all know that hearing from you all on Dojo puts a smile on my face every time. Inshallah I will see you all soon!



HADITH OF THE WEEK

The Prophet(saw) said " O Allah forgive all my sins- big and small, first and last, open and secret." (Muslim)

The Right of the Fortnight

Every child must be free to find information they want as long as it is in the law

