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Dear Parents

Re: Interim Update

Assalamu alaikom

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and strong Imaan, insha'Allah.

We are nearly half way through our summer holidays and this letter aims to address questions that may have arisen in view of latest government updates regarding the reopening of schools in September.

We have been, and continue to, follow government- and local authority guidance and the plan to fully re-open schools remains in place despite the current local spike in infections; current government guidance explicitly states that it is compulsory for all children to attend school in September.

As communicated earlier, there will be a staggered start and end to the school day for different year groups; further details will be communicated via a 'Parent Guide' before the end of next week, insha'Allah. However, any plans put into place now, will remain subject to change and 'fine-tuning' in line with further guidance that may be published closer to September.

For siblings in different classes and different drop off and collection times, the time of the eldest sibling will apply for all children, i.e. they can be dropped off and collected together at the same time.

As stated in a previous letter, school uniform will not be compulsory during the autumn term to make daily washing of clothes easier for parents. If parents prefer that their child wears uniform and they are able to wash uniform daily, they may opt for uniform – our intention is to make it as easy as possible for parents. Our current supplier, MCS, still has stock in the shop, but I do recommend that parents call the shop beforehand to ensure that the items needed are available; MCS will not buy any new stock for MMPS as our contract with them comes to an end in November 2020. We have not yet appointed a new supplier.

There will be no school dinners during the Autumn term and children must bring in a packed lunch from home. Lunch times will be staggered; younger children will eat in classrooms and older children in the dining room.

All pupils will be equipped with own essential personal stationery items that will be kept in the classroom. Present government guidance permits the use of school bags and the sending home of essential resources, whilst emphasising avoiding 'unnecessary sharing'. We will follow health and safety updates issued nearer September and will inform parents about homework procedures in their child's class at the beginning of the Autumn term.

I hope that this letter addresses immediate questions you may have and pray that Allah swt keeps you and your loved ones safe, insha'Allah.

Kind regards

Wasalaam

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