



6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents

**Re: New Half Term**

Assalamu alaikom

I do hope that you have all managed some rest and recuperation over this half term break, insha'Allah.

Following the government's latest announcement about a national lockdown from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, I just wanted to make contact with you to reassure you about the school's response to this current situation. We are very grateful for all of the ongoing support in following the government guidance which our community is showing.

We have reviewed our risk assessments, policies and procedures again in light of the latest government guidance. We expect that there may be further pronouncements to come and if any changes need to be made, we will be in touch with you again.

It must be said that we very much appreciated your support of the school during the last half term with all of the new protocols to follow to keep our pupils as safe as possible.

For our pupils, their experience should feel very similar to last half term. All of the measures we have put in place are aimed at limiting the chances of the spread of infection. However, it is worth reinforcing the key messages.

1. Pupils – in school

Firstly, pupils must wash or sanitise their hands very frequently, and certainly on entering the building, before and after lunch and break times and when changing rooms.

The separate entrances and congregation points in playgrounds by age groups or bubbles will also continue to be in use, and we have added a further exit gate for collection of the Year 4 and Year 6 bubble.

In school corridors and communal areas our staff must continue to wear mask.





## 2. Parents and visitors – on site

Thank you for wearing masks when you are dropping off and collecting your children. We would repeat the request that you **remain in the playground** when collecting your child/ren **for as short a period of time as possible**. As previously stated, no visitors are permitted inside the school building with the exception of a few pre-arranged individual parent meetings for our new nursery children. All meetings must continue to be conducted by telephone or online until further notice; face-to-face meetings will only be arranged in exceptional circumstances if a matter cannot be resolved via phone call or email.

Finally, despite all of the additional restrictions in school, and the anxieties that this latest news will have brought to many people's family situations, I must say that I am relieved that schools can remain open for their pupils in these coming weeks. Children only get one chance at their education and protecting the continuity of their learning, as well as supporting their health and wellbeing, must be a priority. All of the professionals that I work with feel proud to be able to play their part in supporting our pupils at such a time as this – al hamdu'lillah.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch; we want to assure you of our ongoing commitment to your children's education, safety and wellbeing through this crisis.

I pray that Allah swt keeps everyone safe and protects us from harm.

Kind regards

Wasalaam

D. Ghafari  
**Head Teacher**

