



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*Assalamu Aleykum Parents and Corers,*

We hope you've had a lovely winter break and hope that 2022 brings you good health and happiness. Ameen

**Just a few things before our return to school...**

## **COVID UPDATES:**

As you will know, the guidance for self-isolation changed on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The full guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#what-has-changed>

**Here are the key changes:**

## **LATEST GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ON THE CHANGES TO THE SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.

If both these test results are negative, and the temperature is normal, a person may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to normal activity (including a return to an education setting from day 8).

## **DAILY TESTING FOR CLOSE CONTACTS:**

'People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.'

'Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and

should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible.

**stay at home: [guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#)**.

**Return to school: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

We have been unfortunate to have had several of our staff fall ill over the winter break period, and we are aware that some of our families have been affected by Covid during the last two weeks. As a result, we could not open the school to the children on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as previously planned.

In order to keep everyone as safe and well as possible, it continues to be essential for us to pull together as a community and support each other as best we can. Our staff will continue to take LFTs at least twice weekly, and we would strongly advise the same for families. We appreciate your support, and I am aware that there has been a shortage in LFTs; however, this will hopefully change.

Our school gate will open at the usual 7.45 a.m. and close at 8.05 a.m. To avoid any overcrowding at the gates as children arrive, we ask that parents leave the area once they enter the school.

**In the afternoon, we will continue with the staggered collection of children at the end of the day and the one-way system as previously planned.**

Make sure a face-covering is worn when entering the school premises. This is a temporary request to ensure we go forward with safety measures, especially as Covid cases have increased.

We will endeavour to keep you updated with any further developments as they arise.

Many, many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone soon! Insha Allah.

Jazak Allah Kheiran

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