

Date: 28/08/20

Please read through this letter and then click on the link at the bottom and complete the survey. Please complete the survey by Monday 31st August 2020.

Please note that the government released more guidance today (28th August). We will be going through this newly published guidance and will inform you if there are any changes to what we have written in this letter.

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Dear parents/carers,

As mentioned in our previous letter, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They've decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means we're planning to open to all of our wonderful pupils in September. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th September 2020, and we're working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment.

We wanted to get in touch to explain what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government has now paused this guidance. That means they should be able to come back to school in September.

However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We'll be offering remote education to these pupils.

Arriving at School

Parents are to bring in their children to school according to the following times:

Nursery & Reception > 8:20 – 8:30

Year 1 & 2 > 8:50 – 9:00

Year 3 & 4 > 8:40 – 8:50

Year 5 & 6 > 8:30 – 8:40

If you have children in different year groups, you may drop them all off between 8:40 – 8:50

Any child arriving after 9:00 will receive a late mark. We strongly urge you to bring your child into school on time as staff supervising at the gates will be wearing PPE for the above period. After this period, they have other assigned duties and will be removing their PPE and late arrivals will cause inconvenience. Children arriving late will have to wait by the gates until a member of staff can get into PPE and allow them in.

As we only have the one entrance to the school, we ask parents to maintain social distancing as much as possible and not congregate outside the school.

Unfortunately, we will not be allowing parents onto the school site unless a prior appointment has been booked. Any contact with the school, including with teachers, will need to be by telephone on 0121 706 3322, Class Dojo or by email to contact@alameen.bham.sch.uk. For new pupils, especially children in the early years who may need to be supported to settle in, we may make an exception however parents allowed to enter the site will have to wear a mask/ visor, gloves and maintain social distancing with other adults and children.

If you are paying school fees, please pass this on to a member of staff at the gate in an envelope with your child's name and the amount. We will provide you with a receipt at the end of the day or on the next school day.

If your child wears a mask on their journey to school, this will need to be removed at the school gate. Reusable masks will need to be put into a bag (provided by parents), disposable masks can be put in lidded bins situated in classrooms. Please help them practice how to remove masks safely; further information can be found on our website. The current guidance for children in primary schools is that they are not to wear masks in school.

Home time

Please note the following times to pick up your child at the end of the school day:

Nursery & Reception > 3:15 – 3:20

Year 1 & 2 > 3:10 – 3:15

Year 3 & 4 > 3:05 – 3:10

Year 5 & 6 > 3:00 – 3:05

If you have children in different year groups, you may pick them all up between 3:05 – 3:10

Please note that we will be closing early on Fridays for this term (Reception, KS1 & KS2 only) and will continue to monitor the situation. This time will be used to do a deep clean of the school and for planning which has now increased immensely.

The pick up times for Friday are as follows:

Nursery & Reception > 3:15 – 3:20

Year 1 & 2 > 12:40 – 12:45

Year 3 & 4 > 12:35 – 12:40

Year 5 & 6 > 12:30 – 12:35

If you have children in different year groups, you may pick them all up between 12:35 – 12:40

What to bring

Children are only to bring in essential items to school. These include the following:

- Reading book & log
- Lunch box (clearly labelled with child's name)

- Coats (clearly labelled with child's name)

The above should ideally be brought in a small lunch bag and school bag (school bag available at the office). Please do not send in large rucksacks. Children should not bring in stationery as this is provided by school.

Please also ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name

On the days your child has PE, we will be asking children to come to school in their PE kits. Please ensure your child arrives in black tracksuit bottoms, a white polo shirt, a school jumper and pumps. We will encourage outdoor PE as much as possible. You will be informed of which days your child has PE.

We will not be offering school meals for the first half term. If we are able to resume, we will let parents know.

Safety measures

If your child shows any Covid19 symptoms they must not attend school.

If your child or other members of your household are showing symptoms of Covid19, they must stay at home to self-isolate. The school will ask you to arrange a test by contacting 111 or NHS online and you will be expected to engage with the NHS track and Trace service.

Further information with regards to isolating and testing can be found on our school Risk Assessment or the NHS website.

Please contact the school office to inform us of any reason your child will not be in school. If the phone isn't answered, please leave a clear message with your child's name, class and reason for absence before 8:30am - we will need you to contact us on each day of your child's absence in order to update our attendance records and to adhere to safeguarding.

The advice on shielding has now been paused however if you have been advised by a doctor that your child should not attend school, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can ensure your child's learning continues.

If your child should fall ill during the school day, they will be isolated in a room supported by staff wearing PPE and we will insist that they are collected as soon as possible. Please support us in keeping your child and others safe.

We will continually work with the local Public Health England Department and the DFE to ensure full guidance is always followed.

Learning

We are trying our best to make the school day as normal as possible and are very excited to welcome our children back. During the school holidays, we have been working hard to make improvements to the school. We have spruced up the classrooms and corridors and our shelter for the upper playground is now complete. All classrooms have had new interactive screens fitted in with specialist software to aid teaching and learning. Work is still continuing in different parts of the school and will be complete before the children are back, inshaAllah. We have planned an exciting curriculum for the children to help them settle back into school and will, as always, put our children's wellbeing and education at the core of everything we do at the school.

From September, we aim to use additional online teaching resources to provide children with a remote learning experience should a full or partial school closure occur. We will provide workshops for parents on how they can support their child in any such circumstance.

We will be holding assemblies online for pupils where they will be able to interact from their classrooms. This is so that we don't group too many children together in any one place.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community. We'll continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Please click on the following link and complete the survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IdfovQXQOE-h2EBDfySE2_lswudPzDpOp0VKiespBbxUNIY0WVZnKxMTFITSjZVVVRITVBIUzhRQS4u

Wassalam

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