

Date: 10/01/21

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Dear Parent/ Carer

I pray you are well and in the best of health and Imaan.

Further to your confirmation of your child needing to attend school due to you being a key worker, please note the following guidance.

It is extremely important to understand that the Coronavirus has not disappeared and there is still risk of the infection spreading, especially as of recent. However we understand the great role played by key workers in keeping this country running and we will be keeping school open for their children. We have updated our risk assessment to reflect the changes and the risk assessment is available on our website.

In the government's recent announcement, they have reiterated the importance of ensuring children stay at home and access remote learning wherever possible. If you can keep your child at home on certain days, please inform us in advance so that we can adjust arrangements in school. In any such case, please ensure your child accesses remote learning from home.

Please ensure you continue to follow government guidance and self-isolate where needed.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, stay at home and [arrange to have a test](#).

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These other symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

Anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result must stay at home for the full isolation period. This is because they could pass it on to others, even if they don't have symptoms. In any such case, please keep us informed.

Children attending school during the lockdown period

Our teachers will have moved on to remote teaching with a full timetable from Monday 11th January 2021. Currently, we are set to have only a handful of children in school with some year groups having no children in school at all. To be able to teach face to face and online at the same is going to be challenging and this is something we cannot guarantee will work for all children and all classes. We will test and trial different methods until we can find one that works well for everyone. This means that whilst in school, your child could fall under any of the following circumstances:

1. Taught face to face whilst teacher also teaches the rest of the class online
2. Asked to use a laptop with a headset and will participate in the online class
3. A mixture of both of the above

Whatever the case, your child will be supervised at all times.

Please note that children in the reception class will be taught face to face and may share sessions with nursery children.

Children are to bring in their home learning packs, and they may leave them in school at the end of the day.

Children may bring in their own headset to use if they will be using an electronic device to access online classes.

Timings

School will open for key worker children slightly later than usual at **8:45am**. However, if you are dropping a sibling off at the nursery, then you may drop them off together.

Please ensure that children arrive no later than 9am. We are extremely short staffed at the moment and urge you to ensure your child arrives on time.

After speaking to parents, we have decided that for home time we will offer some flexibility which means parents can pick up their children between **2:45 – 3:10pm**.

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. Please also note that parents are not to enter the site without prior appointment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

Wassalam

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Head Teacher

Al Ameen Primary School