



Monday 6th April 2020

Dear Parent/guardians,

Assalamu alaykum

School Closure Briefing 1

I do hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones in the best of health and imaan and that you are coping and managing in what are very challenging circumstances. I wanted to reach out to say a huge thank you for the support you have shown in this rather unprecedented situation. The current state of affairs is not one that we could have predicted or planned for, but the response from pupils, parents and staff as we adapt to the changes and challenges has been fantastic.

Home Learning

Our Distance Learning Provision seems to be, for the most part, a definite success. I know one or two families have struggled with some of the technology but I think that most glitches have been sorted satisfactorily. Please continue working with us in this way; we want our children to continue making progress despite the slightly unconventional school regime at the moment.

Please be assured that, despite the extraordinary situation in which we find ourselves, staff and management at the school are making every effort to continue to provide as much support to pupils and families as we possibly can throughout this period. The summer term begins on Monday 20th April, when new material should appear through the usual routes on the Hub.

The following parental guide gives lots of tips on managing the situation at the minute:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/coronavirus>

Online safety

We are aware that all our pupils will be spending more time online than they were. This comes with risks and it is important that we are all aware of the dangers. Attached is a guide from the National Online Safety Centre.

The UK Safer internet Centre has identified the following online risk categories;

- Behaviour: sharing too much information
- Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content or fake news
- Contact: strangers, bullies, groomers or radicalisers can contact children
- Commercialism and financial exploitation: hidden costs of advertising in apps, games and websites
- Extremism and radicalisation

Reports

Teachers have been working from home to ensure that assessment results are collated and end of term reports are completed. Parents can expect to receive their children's reports, either by post or by email in the near future.

School reopening

We are expecting a review of the current school closure position by the government by the end of April. We will then be in a better position to make further decisions about our provision based on government advice.

Fees

It is imperative that parents continue to pay their fees and thus contribute towards the cost of maintaining the school, staff and educational provision during these difficult times. Too many institutions are having to close indefinitely due to financial pressures. With your support, we will ensure that Abu Bakr Primary School continues to *“provide an inspirational education for our pupils within a safe, secure and supportive Islamic environment.”* IA.

Please continue to check our website for our most up-to-date information and guidance - we will continue to update these as information becomes available.

In the meantime, I hope that you are all staying safe and well and following government advice and practicing social distancing. We will get through this together.

Wassalaam

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