



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent/guardians,

Assalamu alaykum

RE: School Closure

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and imaan. Aameen.

We are writing to provide you with an update of the school's plans regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. Further to Wednesday's announcement from Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, mandating the closure of schools in England from Friday, I am writing to let you know that our last day of normal teaching in school will be **Friday 20th March**. We will therefore start to operate teaching function remotely with effect from **Monday 23rd March**. Our staff have been preparing for this for some time now and work has already been uploaded on the HUB with guidelines issued to pupils.

The school will only remain open for pupils of key worker parents as outlined below from **Monday 23rd March** until further notice. The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. No other children should attend school.

Key workers

You will be aware that the Prime Minister has announced plans for schools to remain open for children of key workers and those who are most vulnerable. Therefore, we are trying to gather as much detail as possible to ensure we are fully prepared. In response to the national announcements regarding the closure of schools and provision for vulnerable pupils and the pupils of key workers, the categories of jobs that fall into the definition of key workers is as follows:

Employees that work for:

1. The National Health Service
2. The Armed forces
3. Teachers, school staff and childcare staff
4. Care home workers
5. Social workers
6. Pharmacists/Pharmacy Workers
7. Police officers, community support officers & civilian staff working for the Police
8. Prison officer or other probation staff
9. Fire-fighters
10. All Local authority officers
11. Environmental health officers
12. Highway Agency traffic officers
13. Supermarket staff and supermarket delivery drivers
14. Employees of key infrastructure industries such as Gas / Electricity / Water

If a parent / carer in a household fall into one of these categories and they don't have any suitable childcare, then they should contact the school via email to discuss the ability to opt into the support offer being provided by the school.

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We will continue to update you as the national and local picture changes. Please refer to our website for further information and guidance.

May Allah shower his infinite Mercy upon us and protect us all. Aameen

Wassalaam



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