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Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu'Alaikum

Re: coronavirus

I am sure you are all aware of the current situation in the country regarding the coronavirus pandemic. As a school, we are following government guidelines as to how we should respond at this difficult time, and we will continue to do so should the problem escalate further. For this reason, we are writing to let you know what we intend to do in the case of a school closure.

Teachers have been asked to compile work for all students that can be sent out to them by email should the school be asked to close by the Government. Some work will be set on the websites that the students already have access to e.g. IXL English and Math Watch . Other work will be emailed to the students regularly throughout the period of closure.

In order to ensure that students receive the required work, we are asking that you provide us with a working email address that can either be accessed by your son or printed off by yourself and given to them to complete.

Subject teachers will email parents directly from their school email addresses, and your son should expect to receive work from a number of different subjects, please ensure that the work is passed to your son.

Students will be expected to complete the work sent and this work will be checked on their return to school. In some cases mark schemes will also be provided for self-checking of answers, to aid with revision etc.

What you should do if you intend to travel during the Spring Break Holidays.

The school would not normally ask you about holidays that are taken out of school time. However, due to the coronavirus outbreak we are requesting that you provide us with information of any holidays that you intend to take during the upcoming spring break.

The information we are asking you for is your intended destination and the dates that you are travelling. This will enable the school to form a better picture of any students that we can expect to be self-isolating on their return to the UK. Obviously as the outbreak continues to spread it is impossible to say currently whether this will be required for the country you intend to visit until the holidays arrive.

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What will happen if the School is closed during the public examinations period?

The Department for Education issued the following advice to schools this week:

We recognize that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual's advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding proprieties are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible.

Clearly this is not very helpful as it does not begin to address any of the possible scenarios that we as a school need to prepare for. We are looking at all the measures we can take to ensure that examinations can take place even if the School is closed to other students, but these will, of course, be in line with government advice at the time.

The one aspect I would like to bring your attention to is the possibility that examinations might have to be rescheduled to dates later in the summer should be the country be in a lock down scenario similar to the current situation in Italy. We think that rescheduling is much more likely than examinations being cancelled outright. The GCSE examinations window may therefore be extended to the end of the summer term or beyond should the need arise. Please bear this in mind when booking your summer holidays.

Ongoing school attendance

The current government advice is for anyone who has a high temperature or a 'new continuous' cough that they should self-isolate for 7 days. It is important that we all follow this advice and we would ask that you inform the school should your son be required to self-isolate.

Please complete the reply slip attached with the relevant information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wassalam

Mr A Hussain
Head teacher





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REPLY SLIP

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

Email address for work to be sent to: _____

Destination of any holiday to be taken during spring break (if applicable): _____

Date of travel: _____ Date of return: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

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