



Date: 16th March 2020

Dear parents

Assalamu Alaikum,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the leadership of our three schools, MIGSG, KDGB & MMP, I am writing to all parents to keep you informed of our planning in the light of the latest government advice regarding schools.

As I am sure you know, the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Officer have given guidance that schools should for the moment remain open, and we intend to follow this advice. It seems likely now that a government-ordered school closure is not far away and will be for an extended period of time, lasting many weeks, and perhaps even the whole of next term. We are currently putting plans in place to cope with this eventuality. Also for your information we have also taken additional steps and have asked the parents of the students of MIGSG who will returning today from a trip to Spain to keep their daughters in self-isolation for 7 days, together with any sibling(s) who may be attending any of our three schools. Although currently and presently government guidelines on isolating persons who have travelled abroad in the last 14 days suggests that *“they are advised to self-isolate only if they develop symptoms”*, the Trust, and the leadership of the schools has taken this extra precautionary step.

The current advice from the government is that anyone with a new, continuous cough and/or high temperature should self-isolate for 7 days. Should your child exhibit these symptoms, please follow the advice. To minimise the risk of transmission at school, we are now requesting that if any member of your household has these symptoms your child stays off school. Please notify us in the normal way by either ringing the school. In these circumstances, it would be helpful if you could let us know the date you expect your child to be back in school.

I understand that some families will have particular circumstances which mean that they want to keep their children away from school at this point, for example, because a member of a household is in a high-risk category for Coronavirus. We fully understand this and, providing that we are informed of the specific reasons, we are willing to authorise such absences.

If your child is well enough to work during his absence, please ask him/her to contact his/her teachers directly via email for guidance on tasks and work set. We are in the process of putting plans in place for a whole school closure and remote working. I hope, therefore, that parents will understand that this work must be our priority at this stage. Therefore, the amount of support individual teachers are able to offer pupils who are out of school this week will be more limited than will be the case once we have all our plans up and running.

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Our letter to you earlier last week the schools has already informed you the measures they have put in place to implement remote teaching if school closure is ordered by the government. We shall send further communication about sport, trips and other activities in due course, if any had been scheduled previously.

JazakAllah Khair you for your support during these challenging times.



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NOTE: Public Health England (PHE) recommends that general cold and flu precautions are taken to help prevent people from catching and spreading COVID-19. The links below contain helpful information in this regard.

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5016>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866065/Handwashing_techniques.pdf

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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