



Al Nimra school

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: School Site Opening: 3rd October 2020

As you are aware, we will be reopening Al Nimra school site on 3rd October 2020. We aim to continue to provide our student with excellent teaching whilst at the same time prioritising the safety of all students and staff in the school by adhering to the latest government guidelines.

This is understandably a worrying time for parents and students alike and the thorough and extensive measures set out in the guide may seem overwhelming. We can assure parents and pupils that the environment the students will be coming into will be as welcoming and relaxed as it is possible for us to make it in these circumstances. Inevitably, the restrictions do mean that there will be significant operational changes to the normal Al Nimra school day, but we are confident that these are temporary variations that pupils and staff will quickly adjust to.

Parental and Pupil Guide

In making these operational arrangements the School has sought to put into place a series of controls which will help to minimise the spread of COVID-19 through both direct transmission (instances when in contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). Carefully implemented, these controls will substantially reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 after re-opening.

One of the key areas of infection control that all parents must adhere to is ensuring that students who live in a household where any occupant has Coronavirus symptoms do not attend school, under any circumstances, until periods of self-isolation in line with government directives have taken place. ·

COVID-19 symptoms currently include:

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

Overview

Although the school will be open to all year groups there will be a range of interventions in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection and transmission. These interventions will follow the essential measures outlined in the DFE's 'Full opening for schools' guidance, (WHERE ID THIS FOUND???) ADD WEBSITE OR LINK?? which are identified below:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and to minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace.

- All parents/carers will need to book a test if their child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Contribute to providing details of anyone the student has been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- Ensure their child self isolates if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Any student or member of staff who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to get a COVID-19 test.

1. Minimising contact and mixing between people reduces transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school will seek to minimise contact and mixing. This will be achieved by keeping classes separate and by seeking to maintain distance between individuals. The school will undertake the following measures to minimise contact:

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

- **STRICTLY NO CARS IN THE CAR PARK (ONLY STAFF). You may see cars going in and out, but these are for the people who do other extra-curricular activities in different buildings on the school site.**
- We ask parents **to park their cars outside the school premises** and walk with their child to the school entrance.
- **Parents are not authorised to enter school building premises.**
- Everyone must arrive at school wearing a face mask (except students in classes Reception, Yr1, Yr2 and medically exempt students). Anyone without a face mask will not be authorised to enter school.
- At the entrance (in front of reception but away from the main doors), we will take the temperature reading of each pupil. Pupils with high temperature will not be authorised to enter the school and will be sent home. Your child must self-isolate until a negative COVID test result has been sought. We appreciate your support on this.
- Once your child has had a temperature test, he/she will wait with their class teacher until they are taken to their classroom at the end of their time slot.
- Upon entering the building, everyone must sanitise their hands at the sanitisation stations provided.

- To minimise congestion, we have implemented a staggered start and end to the school day. Please read the information in the table below carefully.

Year group	R,1,2	3,4,5,6
Drop off	9.55-10.05	10.05-10.15
Pick up	1.05-1.15	1.15-1.25

- If for some reason you are late dropping your child off, you must wait with your child outside the school entrance until the second window closes (10.15) and when a staff/volunteer is available to receive your child.
- Siblings can only be dropped off at their allocated time slot.

PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

- Please do not be late collecting your child as you may have to wait until the second pick up window closes (1.25).
- Parents must go immediately when their child has been dismissed. If waiting for siblings, kindly do so away from the main area for collection so as not to create congestion..

We kindly ask you all to be on time and stick to your slots for the safety of yourselves, your children and staff.

2. Movement around school

We will limit the amount of movement in school in order to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

- Students should not leave their classroom throughout the day save for visiting the toilet.
- Students will remain in their class bubbles throughout the day.
- Breaks and snack time will be within the classroom.
- When visiting the toilet, students must stay at least 1 meter apart.
- The toilet will be *sanitised* after every use.

3. Measures within the classroom

- Teachers will maintain a 2 metre distance from the students and from any other adult where possible. Space will be provided at the front of the classroom to facilitate this.
- Teachers will avoid close face to face contact with students and will minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone.
- Students will be at least 1 meter from each other. Where possible, furniture will be arranged to accommodate this and placed forward facing.
- Classrooms are cleaned at the start and end of each day. This includes cleaning chairs, table surfaces, window handles, store cupboard handles, light switches, computers, and the staff work- station.

- Staff will also be provided with hygiene packs and each classroom will have hand sanitiser available.
- Classroom entrance doors will be propped open to reduce use of door handles and to aid ventilation.
- Windows will be kept open in classrooms.

Other relevant measures to minimise contact

4. Parental visits

- Visitors are not permitted on site.
- Parents should attend school by appointment only, other than in emergencies.
- All parents to the school site will be given guidance on physical distancing and hygiene either on or before arrival.
- A record will be kept of all visitors to the school site.
- Reception have been instructed not to accept anything parents may want to leave for their child to collect during the School day.

5. Equipment and Resources

- Students **must** bring their own stationery and books.
- Students will not be permitted to share and teachers will not hand anything out.

Measures to protect against COVID-19

6. Face covering procedures

- Everyone will be required to wear face coverings in school corridors. This is because there is a chance that classes may cross paths and corridors maybe become congested.
- Students are reminded to sanitise their hands before and after touching their face covering.
- Staff will direct pupils to sanitise hands and don their face covering prior to leaving the classroom.
- We are mindful that government guidelines are currently being updated on the wearing of face coverings in Schools.
- Students are not required to wear a face mask in their classroom whilst seated.
- The teacher may ask students to wear a face mask at any point during the day due to lack of ventilation. Please respect teachers' preferences.
- Medically exempt students will not require to wear a face mask. (a text message or email must be sent to the school number clearly stating the reason.)

Essential pupil kit list:

- Hand sanitiser.
- Personal pack of tissues.
- Face covering for use exclusively in school
- Enough drinking water for the whole day.
- A small snack/drink for break, (break will be in the classrooms with STRICTLY no mixing between pupils in the classroom)
- A comprehensive stationary set as there will be no sharing of equipment.

Behaviour expectations

The school has updated the Behaviour Policy to set out clearly the expectations of students in regard to adhering to the health and safety regulations and the consequences for deliberately breaking the rules regarding restrictions on movement and the new hygiene requirements.

Students can be sanctioned, up to and including exclusion if they will fully refuse to adhere to arrangements of movement around the school site, social distancing and / or deliberately cough or spit at students or staff thereby putting them at risk.

Students and families who are anxious about return to school

The school recognises the potential concerns of students and parents who may be reluctant or anxious about returning. This may include students who have themselves been shielding previously but have been advised that this is no longer necessary, those living in households where someone is clinically vulnerable, or those concerned about the comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19). If parents of students with significant risk factors are concerned, we will discuss their concerns and provide reassurance of the measures that we are putting in place to reduce the risk in school.

We appreciate these are very worrying times for some parents and there is significant anxiety amongst parents who have conditions and were previously shielding. We are clear that we need to get children and young people back into the school environment and we have worked extremely hard to mitigate the risks and make it as safe as possible for pupils to return.

We would encourage the families to consider what additional precautions they are able to take.

Please respect other people's preferences and maintain a distance between each other.

We look forward to welcome pupils back on Saturday 3rd October. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully, Asalamulaikum

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