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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamau'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

I pray that you and your families are in the best of health, Imaan and wellbeing. I hope that you all have had a restful break.

As communicated in the previous letter before the holidays, we formally welcome everyone back into school on **Thursday 3rd September 2020** at the normal school time of 8.35am. That letter dated 14th July explains the procedures and timetabling for the pupils.

Subsequent to the government guidelines on 28th August 2020, there are some changes/additions to our previous risk assessment:

1. If a parent suspects or knows that their daughter is ill, they MUST NOT send them to school and will need to ring the school office to inform us. If anyone has a cough/temperature/feels unwell at school (showing signs of CoVid-19) parents will be contacted and they will be sent home. They will need to self-isolate for **10 days**, or until tested negative. If a pupil is waiting to be collected, they will be kept in a room with the door closed and a window open. If a pupil or adult shows symptoms and tests positive for CoVid-19, then the whole family group that the pupil/adult is in must be sent home and they must self-isolate for 14 days. If other cases are then also confirmed at the school, then Public Health England will advise the school on next steps/possible closure.
2. Pupils are advised to avoid public transport in peak times, however, where this is not possible, the government guidelines for public transport usage on hygiene and social distancing should be followed. The face covering worn on the public transport must be disposed of upon entering the school and a new mask needs to be worn.
3. Parents should not congregate outside of school, they should wait away from school and on the opposite side of the road.
4. Parents must make an appointment prior to visiting the school.

The safety of our pupils and staff remains our main priority. To support us in this effort, I would ask all parents to:

- Ensure that your daughter only attends school if she and no one in their household has any symptoms.
- Reassure your child that it is safe to attend school and ensure that she does so each day.
- Ensure that your child behaves well in school and follows teachers' instructions carefully.
- Follow any local COVID-19 restrictions in place in the area where you live or where your child attends school.

- Advise the school if your child has anxieties, so that their school can support their welfare and learning.
- Be patient and understanding with school staff, who will be working incredibly hard to keep pupils safe during this time.

Please go through the pupil guidelines sheet with your daughter which is attached to this email. Please also refer to the attendance letter sent to you before the holidays.

I would like to thank you for your continued support, and I trust the information provided in the previous letter dated 14th July and the current letter is informative and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back.

Wassalaam,

Mrs R Mogra
Headteacher