

10 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Assalaam-alaikum (Peace be with you). I hope you are all well insha'Allah. It has been a good start to the new academic year and we hope that your daughter has settled back into the routines and expectations. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you of a few key things that have been put in place to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep our school community safe.

COVID-19 Restrictions - Isolation Rules

The DfE has issued updated guidance for schools this term and we have put various procedures in place in response to this. **If your daughter has any symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 she must not come into school and needs to follow the Government guidance on self-isolation and testing.** A change in the isolation rules means that any individual who is below the age of 18 years and 6 months no longer has to isolate if they live in the same household as someone who has COVID or if they have been identified as a close contact. Instead, they are advised to take a PCR test. If a negative PCR test is recorded, then students can come back into school immediately.

Home Testing

Please can I encourage you to ensure that your daughter completes a home test twice a week. Tests will be given out to those students who requested them last year. Should you require any tests please ask your daughter to let her SSO know who can make them available.

Students will continue to sanitise hands at key points including at entrances and in classrooms. They do not need to wear a face covering in school but can do so if they wish to. However, it is expected that students do wear a face covering if travelling on public or school buses. As previously, our procedures and guidance may have to change if circumstances change. We will ensure that you are kept up to date with any changes.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is compulsory for all pupils to be in school. We are recording absence in the usual way and any absences will be followed up using the normal procedures, including visits if needed. If your daughter is absent from school then please ensure you follow the normal absence reporting procedures.

ParentPay

All pupils have a login for ParentPay – parents of new Year 7 and Year 12 pupils should have received the information this week, and should therefore be able to set up their account. All school purchases need to be made using ParentPay and therefore it is important that you regularly check your daughter's balance. Please note that even if your daughter is eligible for free school meals any purchases made at break time will be charged to the ParentPay account.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,



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