



An Independent Islamic School for pupils aged 2-16

Afifah Academy manages Afifah School,
which consists of a Nursery, a Primary School and a Secondary Girls School.

Registered Charity No: 1120284 Company No. 5512936

Principal: Abdul Huy Malek LLB (Hons)

Wednesday 3rd March 2021/19th Rajjab 1442 AH

Assalamu alaykoom Respected Parents/Guardians,

Re: Re-opening

Alhumdolillah, further to the government's recent official announcement regarding reopening schools, I am delighted to be writing this letter outlining the road map to full in-school learning for your child(ren). This is vital for their education and wellbeing and is something that I know will be welcomed across the school community. Everyone at Afifah is looking forward to welcoming our students back. I know that students thrive best when they have routine, consistency and stability around them. We will, therefore, be doing everything we can to ensure that, wherever possible, school life is as close to what they are used to as possible.

Please note that students in our Primary School, Reception class and Pre-School will re-start their in-school education from **Tuesday 9 March 2021**. Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will have their final day of online learning on Monday 8 March 2021.

As per the latest government guidance, all students in secondary schools and staff are required to wear a face covering indoors where social distancing cannot be maintained, including in classrooms. There are obvious exceptions to this rule – for example, during PE lessons.

A very big element of being able to return pupils to in-school learning safely is the mass COVID testing of secondary pupils and staff which the government has asked schools to facilitate. The tests are called Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) and they will help us to identify individuals who may be carrying the virus but are asymptomatic (not showing any of the typical symptoms of COVID). This is especially important for young people as research shows that young people can be carrying the virus but often display very mild or have no symptoms at all. Identifying and isolating these cases is vital in the fight to stop the spread of the virus within our community. Inshallah it is our hope that, with your cooperation, we will be able to test the vast majority of our school community and be able to return to in-school learning safe in the knowledge that the school is as virus free as we can make it. **If your child has a positive test result, the school will contact you regarding next steps for you and your child.**

We are now asking parents/carers of all secondary pupils to give their consent to allow your child/children to participate in this testing programme. If you give your consent, **your child will have 3 tests administered in school between 8th-18th March**. We will then provide your child with home testing kits so that the tests can be administered at home twice weekly. It is very important that you submit your response regarding consent, as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead. The link is on the next page.

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The link to the form can be found here;

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGOSwBMRcxY62GisP8Hg9SXG_DfWcVgRI46cC8ciM_r2nGsg/viewform?usp=pp_url

We have devised a schedule of testing for our secondary students as follows;

	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Staff	Mon 8 th March 2021 (9am onwards)	Thurs 11 th March 2021	Tues 16 th March 2021
Year 11	Mon 8 th March 2021 (10am)	Thurs 11 th March 2021	Tues 16 th March 2021
Year 10	Mon 8 th March 2021 (12pm)	Thurs 11 th March 2021	Tues 16 th March 2021
Year 9	Tues 9 th March 2021 (8.30am)	Fri 12 th March 2021	Weds 17 th March 2021
Year 8	Tues 9 th March 2021 (10.30am)	Fri 12 th March 2021	Weds 17 th March 2021
Year 7	Weds 10 th March 2021 (8.30am)	Mon 15 th March 2021	Thurs 18 th March 2021

Mon 8 March - There will be work uploaded online for Years 1-9 students to complete. All members of staff and Years 10 & 11 students will be tested in the hall. After the test, they will return home. The Preschool and classes currently running for children of Key Workers will be closed for the day.

Tue 9 March – Preschool, Reception class, Primary, Year 10 and Year 11 students will attend school as usual. Year 8 & Year 9 students will be tested at different times and will then proceed to lessons. Year 7 students will continue to access work uploaded online.

Wed 10 March – Year 7 students will be tested and will then proceed to lessons. **Online learning will be discontinued for all year groups.**

All other safety measures implemented in the Autumn term of this academic year will remain in place. For example, pupils will continue to be taught in their bubbles, there will be staggered start and end times, lunch will be partaken in classrooms etc.

Year 11 students will be provided with details regarding how their GCSE grades will be calculated as soon as official guidance is published.

Jazakallah for your patience, understanding and feedback during this challenging period of lockdown.

Please continue to remember us in your supplications and I pray that everyone associated with Afifah School is protected from all difficulties. Ameen

Was Salaam

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