

Date Valley School Trust

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Asalamu alaikum,

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Dear Year 6 Parents

I hope you and your families are well and in a high state of Eemaan, in shaa Allah. We would like to outline our intention and procedures for **reopening the school from Wednesday 1st July 2020**. We would appreciate your cooperation and support in doing so. We would also request you bear with us whilst we begin to open, as we will be constantly assessing our systems and procedures to ensure we are effective.

Thank you for your patience while we waited for government guidance on safely reopening schools, and have summarised the implementation of this guidance tailored to our setting below.

As a school we have to consider what is applicable for our setting, as well as the results from our online parental survey. Taking all this into consideration, we have decided as Phase One, to reopen for **Nursery, Reception and Year 6**.

In shaa Allah, we would like to do all we can to ensure that our Year 6 leave Date Valley having experienced some Year 6 traditions, as well as being able to spend some quality time with their peers. Year 6 leavers communication will follow as soon as we have settled them back into school, in shaa Allah.

During the past few weeks, we have compiled a detailed plan and risk assessment to ensure we can safely welcome these year groups back, Alhumdulillah. I have outlined some of the precautions and safety measures that we have taken: -

- We have **implemented an initial deep cleaning of all the areas being occupied and used** which includes wiping down of shelves, furniture, walls and doors. Carpets have been deep cleaned as well
- We have created a **weekly cleaning** schedule which is COVID 19 compliant that will be conducted by Grace and checked by Neena, in shaa Allah
- Surplus equipment has been removed and the classroom setting has been redefined to meet social distancing stipulations
- Resources, furniture and equipment has been washed / cleaned
- Soft furnishings have been removed
- The staff have been briefed about the necessity to wipe down equipment, surfaces and used furniture periodically during the school day
- Classrooms and communal areas will be set up with appropriate handwashing facilities
- Two medical bays have been set up, equipped with personal protective equipment and non-contact infrared body thermometers as per government guidance

We would also like to define the systems and procedures in place for your child while at school.

Please be aware that upon arrival at 8am, your child will be greeted by Ustatha Arzina and the children will be placed in a 'bubble' of 14. Ustatha Sumaira will join them as usual at 10am.

Drop off time is 8am and pick up is at 3.20pm apart from Wednesday afternoons where you will be required to **pick up your child at 12.30pm**.

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Social distancing rules will apply, which mean **that you will be unable to come pass the green school gate into the school playground.** There will be social distancing prompts for dropping and collecting your child.

We request that parents do not congregate outside the school gates and surrounding areas and leave as soon as possible for the safety of everyone.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in fresh clean uniform and alternates it with their PE uniform, if uniform items cannot be washed at the end of every day. Uniform items should be changed on a daily basis, to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

Please provide a snack, a packed lunch and a disposable water bottle in a plastic bag. Your child will not be required to bring a book bag and any additional items from home. Please ensure this is discussed clearly with them beforehand.

In terms of the wellbeing of your child and to ensure that coming back to school is as smooth as it can be, we request that you start to prepare your child for the first day back in the following way:

- Ensure as a family, you begin to get back into a school routine in advance
- Ensure that you have discussed going back to school with your child and what that will look like each day before they return
- Discuss how they feel about going back and ensure that we are aware of any useful information about their emotions
- Ensure that your dialogue around them about going back to school is positive, as children pick up on everything.
- There will be a PowerPoint and video for you to watch with your child about coming back. They will enjoy seeing us in the video!
- Please update us with any additional back ground information that will be useful to know about your child or family circumstances.

We will start to ensure that they are ready for Year 7 by implementing our Year 6 Transition Programme which will be delivered by Ustatha Sumaira and Muthira Neena.

If your child is clinically vulnerable, you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to the government guidance for this :- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>.

The following links provide up to date and useful information for parents / children that need to go for testing and possible self-isolation: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Despite all the preparation and precautionary measures we have had to implement, as a headteacher and on behalf of my team I would like to end by saying that we are eagerly awaiting the rooms of Date Valley to be filled with the presence of your wonderful children and we are looking forward to meeting our families once again, in shaa Allah.

If you have any questions, please do email at headteacher@dvst.org.uk and I will be happy to assist.

Jazakumullahu Khayrun. Wa alaikum as salaam,
Neena Lone
Head Teacher

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