

Date Valley School Trust

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Dear Parents

Assalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

I hope you and your families are well and in a high state of Eemaan, in shaa Allah. I am pleased to see that our children have settled back at school extremely well, given the current circumstances, Alhumdulillah.

As a school, we are getting use to the 'new normal'. I wanted all parents to feel reassured that we are working hard to ensure our school is safe and we are minimising the risk of infection as much as we possibly can. We are following government guidance and ensuring that we are up to date with all frequent changes. It is for this reason I am writing to you all with further important information. We would like all parents to read our following recommendations. These have been based on the guidance, reviewing our risk assessment and our observations since opening school again.

I have outlined these recommendations below: -

Office/ School Communication:

- General and non-urgent enquiries must be via email or telephone. Parents must avoid entering the school building to speak to the office, unless the task cannot be completed via these methods.
- Parents need to drop their child/children on time, this is to avoid bubbles crossing at the reception entrance. Children are moving around the corridors to get to their classrooms. The staggered timings are to ensure they can reach their class safely without crossing other year group bubbles.
- Toilet access is prohibited and unfortunately, we are unable to allow access to the toilets for any reason before or after school.

Staff wearing visors / face masks:

- We have had some enquires about why our staff are wearing visors. These have been provided by the government to further eliminate risk for those staff members who may have to cross bubbles for a short period of time during the school day.
- The government have also recommended school staff do not need to wear face masks as they are restrictive in a teaching and learning environment. However, we do have some staff who are wearing face masks due to medical reasons.

Taking responsibility to reduce the spread of Covid 19:

- Once you have dropped/ picked up your child please avoid remaining on site and talking to others parents. Please try to leave as soon as possible.
- While waiting for your child please maintain social distancing.
- Avoid close contact with other parents who are not in your household. Avoid hugging etc

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Car sharing:

You should try not to share a vehicle with those outside your household or support bubble. If you need to do this, try to:

- share the transport with the same people each time
- keep to small groups of people at any one time
- open windows for ventilation
- travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow face away from each other
- consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle
- clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products - make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
- ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering

How to stop COVID-19 spreading:

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. These are:

- To wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- To use a hand sanitiser gel if soap and water is not available
- To wash your hands as soon as you get home
- To cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- To put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Symptoms of COVID 19:

Please note: - We are unable to diagnose whether your child should or should not come into school. When in doubt, please call 111 and make the decision yourself. Below is the advice the school has been provided with and are following:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of ANY ONE of these symptoms:

- A temperature over 37.8 degree °C
- New continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

What to do if your child develops a symptom/s of COVID 19:

- *If your child develops a symptom/s of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptom/s appeared.*
- *Please inform the office when your child is displaying symptom/s and is isolating.*
- *Please arrange to have a test to see if your child has COVID-19.*
- *All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.*
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.
- Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- If you are able and can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

Returning back to school:

- If the test result is negative **and** your child no longer has a temperature, they can return to school.
- After 10 days, if your child still has a temperature, he/she should continue to self-isolate and you should seek further medical advice.
- Your child does not need to self-isolate after 10 days if he / she only has a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus, understand your test result and find out what to do if you're contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Advice for people at higher risk from coronavirus, including older people, people with health conditions and pregnant women. Advice about avoiding close contact ...

www.nhs.uk

Online (remote) learning:

- Please inform the office when your child is displaying symptoms and is isolating.
- The office will inform the relevant staff members and online learning will be provided for the next working day.
- This will include a plan and any relevant teaching material for English, Maths, Science, Foundation Subjects and Quran Tafsiir.
- Once the work has been completed it can be submitted via DOJO (portfolio) and feedback will be provided after 4pm.
- *Please note our teachers will be teaching during the school day. Once finished they will address the online learning, so please bear with us, as this will be additional work for them.*

I appreciate your support and cooperation regarding the above information. By working together as a community, we can only try our very best to minimise the risk and ensure that we are keep safe, in shaa Allah.

Jazakumullahu Khayrun

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