

Date Valley School

Parent Guide for Returning to School

NEENA LONE HEADTEACHER

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Headteacher message

Assalamu'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Verily, with every hardship comes ease! (Qur'an 94:6)

Hardship does not last forever. Everyone experiences difficulty, events in life that may seem insurmountable. The believer must be confident that the difficulty will pass and that they will be rewarded for patience. Just as nothing in this world is forever, neither is this Covid-19 pandemic, Alhamdulillah.

I know that this is such a worrying time for families. I can assure you that we are very carefully planning each step to ensure we safeguard your child whilst in our care.

Anas ibn Malik reported: A man said, "O Messenger of Allah, should I tie my camel and trust in Allah, or should I leave her untied and trust in Allah?" The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Tie her and trust in Allah." (Sunan al-Tirmidhī)

We are currently working on the final details and doing our part in tying our camel and inshaa' Allah we will be ready and prepared to re-open and welcome you back to school. Thereafter, we place our trust in Allah. It is important that parents read this guide, understand the next steps and work with us, so together we can resume a smooth operation and once again begin to achieve great things.

I thank you for your support through this unprecedented period and look forward to seeing you and your children very soon inshaa' Allah.

JazaakumAllahu Khayran

Safety Measures

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The school will carry out a deep clean before school reopens in September 2020.

Thereafter, we will be undertaking regular cleaning procedures throughout the school day to minimise the spread of germs.

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Parents will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule outside the school premises, keeping 2 metres apart from others .

2-metre markers will be set out on the ground at all entrances.

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Children must bring in their book bags and lunch boxes daily. Parents are reminded to daily clean out books bags and lunch boxes.

Book bags must only contain the reading folder with yellow Reading Records, reading book and Quran books (Qaida) if appropriate.

Dropping off and collecting your child:

We will be staggering drop off and pick up times to ensure social distancing is maintained and so that not all pupils enter and leave school at the same time using the same entrance and exit.

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Year group	Drop Off Arrangements
Before School Hifth	8.00 in Playground
Nursery	9.00 in Playground
Reception	8.50 in Playground
Year 1 & 2	8.00 in Playground
Year 3 & 4	8.10 in Playground
Year 5 & 6	8.00 at PE hall door
Early Starters Club	8.00 in Playground

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Year group	Pick up Arrangements
Nursery	3.00 in Playground
Reception	2.50 in Playground
Year 1 & 2	3.20 in Playground
Year 3 & 4	3.30 in Playground
Year 5 & 6	3.20 at PE hall door

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Parents will not have access to the school playground. You will hand over your child to their designated adult at the green school gates in the morning.

We request you to be PUNCTUAL both in the morning and afternoon to ensure this system can run smoothly and effectively.

Arrival / Exit points from school

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Nursery and Reception will arrive and leave from the playground at their designated times within their designated areas.



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Year 1 to 4 will arrive and leave from the playground at their designated times within their designated area.



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Year 5 & 6 will enter and leave school from the PE hall door at their designated times.



Entering and leaving the building

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Nursery will use the middle stairs to access the



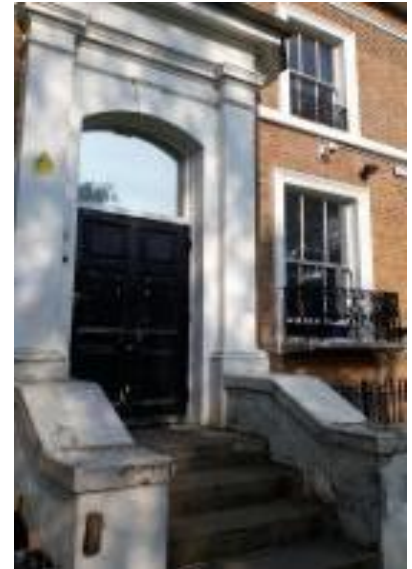
Reception will use the side stairs to access the building.

Year 1 & 2 will use the side stairs to access the building



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Year 3 & 4 will use the middle stairs to access the building



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Entering and leaving the building

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Year 5 & 6 will enter and leave school from the PE hall door at their designated times.



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Hand sanitizing will be required before entering and leaving the building. These stations will be at the designated points:

- Bottom of the middle stairs
- Side-staircase
- Playground Area

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Bubbles

Updated government guidance allows schools to determine the size of the bubble in which each child will remain. The maximum size of our bubbles is 33.

The bubbles are:

- Nursery
- Reception
- Year 1 & 2
- Year 3 & 4
- Year 5 & 6

Safety Measures in Class

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Early Years
Nursery and Reception children will be in separate bubbles.

The Autumn Term curriculum has been designed such that the children will have regular access to the outdoor environment to promote movement, play and physical development.

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Primary

As per our risk assessment, all primary classrooms will have their desks in rows facing the board.

Each room has a reading area, but soft furnishings have been removed to allow for ease of cleaning.

All Key Stage Two children will be given their own pencil case with their own stationery. Children should not bring in their stationery from home.

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Each classroom will have their own resources for the children to be able to access to support their learning. Temporary sharing between bubbles will be minimized and any resources that do need to be shared will be cleaned beforehand.

All equipment and stationery will be wiped at the end of the day.

Classroom Provision: some photos

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Nursery



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Reception

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Colour-coded equipment for each



Classroom Provision: some photos

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Year 4



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Year 5 & 6



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All unnecessary items have been removed from all classrooms. Resources that are difficult to clean have been removed and replaced with resources that facilitate easy cleaning.

Soft furnishings have been removed from all classrooms to allow cleaning to be effective.

Handwashing Procedures

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Handwashing will be conducted at regular intervals in the day as well as:

1. Upon arrival at school
2. After sneezing or coughing
3. Before and after handling or eating food
4. After going to the toilet

We will have hand-washing stations set up in each classroom.

We will reinforce the 20-second rule for handwashing

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Each class will have their own handwashing facility. There will also be wipes for surfaces and hand sanitisers.

There will also be a daily cleaning schedule being implemented during the school day.

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All communal areas will have a provision for washing hands.



Uniform and Equipment

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Early Years should wear fresh uniform every day, if possible.

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Year 1 to 6 children should wear fresh clean uniform if possible to reduce the risk of cross contamination as the school week progresses

They should wear PE uniform on their PE day.

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All equipment and resources within each class will be wiped or washed and disinfected at the end of every day.

We have a clear desk policy now so teachers' desks will be clear, tidy and easy to clean at all times.

Break times and lunchtimes

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Break times: Handwashing will take place before eating and before returning to the classroom.

Break times will be staggered to avoid mixing of bubbles. Each bubble will have a designated play area.

Year 1 & 2: 10.00 - 10.15

Year 3 & 4: 10.15 - 10.30

Year 5 & 6: 10.30 - 10.45

Early Years will be able to use the outdoor areas freely at all other times.

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Lunch times will be staggered to avoid mixing of bubbles. Each bubble will have a designated play area.

Nursery: 12.00

Reception: 12.45

Year 5 & 6 12.30 - 1.20 (lunch 1st then playtime)

All the above year groups will be eating in their classrooms.

Year 5&6 will be allocated the Green opposite the school to play.

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Lunch times: Handwashing will take place before eating and before returning to the classroom.

Year 1 & 2: 12.30 - 1.20 (lunch 1st then playtime)

Year 3 & 4: 12.30. - 1.20 (playtime 1st then lunch)

The children will eat lunch in the hall. They will use the grass area and concrete area of the playground to play.

Other aspects of School Life

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Assemblies: To limit the number of large group gatherings, we have decided the following:

- No Special Assemblies during Autumn Term
- Class Assembly: The class will present to their parents only, instead of the rest of the key stage as per last year. Parents will be required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon arrival. Only ONE parent per family.

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Head Teacher Assemblies: These will take place within bubbles on Tuesdays at staggered times.

The initial focus of these assemblies will be mental health and wellbeing in the aftermath of COVID.

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PE arrangements:

Weather permitting, we will be using Cricket Green (opposite the school) as an additional space as well as the PE hall and playground.

Activities will be on a rotation within these areas in smaller bubbles.

We will look at the cost and logistics of specialised teachers delivering a program of PE lessons from January.

Other aspects of School Life

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Salah Arrangements:

All year groups will perform salah in their classroom.

Year 5 & 6 will perform Jumuah salah in the hall. They will be required to bring their own salah mat on Fridays only.

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Walking around the school:

Each bubble has been allocated a stairway and will only use that stairway to access the toilets and their classroom.

Toilet Arrangements

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Toilets will be allocated to each bubble and signs will be placed on each toilet cubicle.

One child will be allowed at a time to the toilet area.

There will be a waiting area with social distancing prompts outside the toilets for children to wait.

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As always, toilets will be checked regularly throughout the day and cleaned accordingly.

Teachers will discuss these procedures with the children and advise them on how to wait quietly in the corridors.

Communication

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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/>

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Please note the school office will have restricted access to parents, dealing with urgent queries only. Any non-urgent queries should be either addressed via email or telephone.

Non-essential visitors will not be permitted to enter the school until further notice.



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Any meetings with the headteacher and / or other staff must be pre-booked. Face to face meetings will only take place if deemed absolutely necessary, and cannot be conducted via telephone or online meeting. Face to face meetings will be conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

In the event of someone becoming unwell

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The school has a supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including disposable gloves, aprons and fluid-resistant surgical face masks. These will be used if a child or adult becomes unwell whilst being in school.

We have 2 medical bays set up; 1 will be specifically for individuals displaying symptoms of Coronavirus.

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If any child or adult becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature whilst at school, they will be sent home.

While the pupil is awaiting collection, they will be placed in a separate room, away from others, until they are collected. It is vital we can contact parents immediately, so please ensure your contact details held by the school are up to date.

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Staff will ensure movement in and around the school is minimised. No more than one pupil will be permitted to leave their classroom to use the toilet or other areas of the school during lesson time.