



26 March 2020

***Assalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu***

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

### **COVID-19- Student Free and Work From Home**

I would like to begin by thanking you, the parents, for your rapid, and loving response to my request to keep your children at home. I made this request out of genuine concern for your children, and for our teachers and support staff and it is working.

#### **Last day for students**

Following on from this request, and in direct response to the Level 2 restrictions announced recently, I am further preparing our school for remote learning through Microsoft Teams. In order to do this, I am moving forward the **last day for all students to Tuesday 31 March 2020**. The remaining 3 days of the school term will be **student-free days** where staff will work to prepare curriculum so that our children can continue to have access to high quality learning, whether it be at school, or remotely.

#### **Supporting front-line workers**

To support our community, and in recognition of the vital work that so many of you do, on these student free days we will offer supervision of students in the Primary School *only*, for parents whose front-line work (in hospitals, pharmacies, emergency services and the like) means they need supervision. You must phone the office and pre-book this supervision, and ensure children have their "work from home" packages to work from.

#### **Working from Home**

Whilst we are living in an uncertain time, there is something that I am entirely certain on; there is nothing more important than the safety and wellbeing of your child. Please do not let school work, or working from home be a source of stress and anxiety. In my time spent in classrooms over the past week I have been telling students that the best things that they can be doing from home are to

- Read a book (to their sibling or pet);
- Help in the kitchen (cooking is one of the best Math lessons);
- Plant a garden and tend to it (get your children outside and in nature).

At this troubled time I am inspired by the resilience and tenacity I am seeing every day; from our dedicated educators, from our beautiful children and from you, the parents who trust us with your most precious of gifts.

Inshallah, our efforts will keep us all safe



Christine Harman

Principal