

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Dear parent /carer

Assalamu alaikum

We hope you are in the best of health and Iman. Below you will find a link where National Curriculum teachers have uploaded work for the next 5-6 weeks including the Easter holidays. Children may continue to follow the Al-Falah time table during the Easter holidays as they were before. Due to the government restrictions, unfortunately it was not possible for teachers to leave their homes and go into school to print out homework packs, therefore you are advised to print the work at home if possible, or children may carry out the work in their exercise books that was provided. Children will require access to a computer or tablet to undertake the tasks.

In the link provided below, you will find instructions on how to carry out the work and everything is clearly labelled. Please read the instructions carefully.

Islamic Curriculum teachers will NOT be listening to children read during the Easter holidays however, parents are advised to continue to follow the time table if they wish to do so. For Qur'an and Qaidah lessons, children are advised to sit for 45 minutes and revise their previous lessons or as advised by their class teacher.

Please keep in mind that some of our teachers have been unwell including their family members or may not be in the best of health in the coming days, therefore they may not be able to answer queries or listen to lessons. I hope you will understand that this is an unprecedented emergency on the whole world and a lot of parents, carers and teachers are feeling stressed, overwhelmed and under pressure by everything that's happening. Therefore I hope the following may help which was written by a head teacher from another primary school.

1. This is not homeschooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Homeschooling is a choice, where you considered, you plan for it and you are your child's school teacher in whatever form you choose. This is, at best, distance learning. In reality, none of us know what we're doing and what's right and wrong here.
2. You are, and always have been, your child's primary educator. If you decide that your child isn't going to engage with anything sent home and is going to spend the entire period doing something else then that is your choice. That is your right. There is nothing to stress or feel guilty about.
3. Most schools don't know what they're doing either. They had no notice, no preparation time and we were not told to 'continue to plan lessons as normal and just send them home' – that's NOT possible. If it were, we'd all be out of a job!
4. It is absolutely not possible to facilitate distance learning with a primary aged child and work from home at the same time. You can certainly have activities where your child learns, but your focus is your health, connecting with Allah and survival.

I hope the above will take pressure off our parents and in the meantime if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via email (as provided previously).

We pray to Allah All-Mighty to keep everyone safe, healthy and make the situation better for all. Keep us in your duas.