

20th April 2020

Dear All

Re: LIVE Online Lessons via Zoom

It has now been a month since we temporarily closed Iqra school and we have all had to adapt to new ways of working. It would be a massive understatement to say that these are unsettling times. Most of us have never personally known a global shock of this magnitude. We should draw great strength and confidence that we have shown a resilient spirit and an unrelenting sense of community.

I would like to take this opportunity to say what an amazing job you are doing to support your child's wellbeing and learning during this difficult time. We remain committed to helping you every step of the way. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know.

Although we miss the children very much, we must continue to follow the government's guidelines by staying at home to keep the community safe. We will continue to update the remote learning resources on the school's website and provide weekly homework every Friday. We can't say yet when we will be able to open the school, but rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep your child's learning going and our school community connected.

Our team here at Iqra Primary School are committed to ensure that learning continues for all our children. With this in mind, Iqra school are introducing **LIVE** online classes via Zoom video conferencing (virtual resource). Alongside this, our teachers will be drawing upon other educational platforms that will help us deliver learning in a stimulating and engaging way for our children.

You can download Zoom onto your device, preferably a laptop/desktop with audio and camera facility. Otherwise you can use your smart phone. For further instructions on how to join a meeting please watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/hlkCmbvAHQQ>

Your child will be able to log into LIVE lessons delivered by your child's class teacher via an invite sent to **your** registered ParentPay e-mail address. This invite will be sent the day before your child's LIVE scheduled online lesson. Then on the day of your child's scheduled lesson e.g. at 9.30am Wednesday 22 April 2020, click on the link sent by the class teacher to join the meeting.

Please remind your children to mute their microphones unless they want to speak – ask the teacher by putting their hands up (button at bottom of screen) or type a message. **It won't work if everyone tries to talk at once.**

A Zoom Classroom timetable for the weekly lessons is as follows:

Keeping in touch Lessons delivered by all teachers from Wednesday 22nd April

	9.30 – 10am	10.15 – 10.45am	11 – 11.30am	11.45 – 12.15pm
Monday	Y3 Maths	Y2 Maths	Y1 Maths	EYFS Maths
Tuesday	Y5 Maths	Y4 Maths	Y6 Maths	
Wednesday 22rd April - Lessons Begin	Y3 English	Y2 English	Y1 English	EYFS English
Thursday	Y5 English	Y4 English	Y6 English	
Friday				

Each lesson will be between 30-40 mins long and alternate between ½ hr maths and ½ hr English. The aim of the LIVE lessons is to continue to support our children’s education through these turbulent times. Any concerns about accessing Zoom should be directed to your child’s Year Leader via e-mail.

Your Sincerely,

Dr Mineza Maher
Iqra School Head teacher