

Dear All

6th May 2020

RE: School Update

We Learn, We Lead, We Inspire

Ramadhan Kareem to you all.

I think we can all agree that the past few weeks have been extraordinarily challenging. The impact of the pandemic has altered how we imagined school life forever. We have all had to adjust to a massive change in our daily lives including a very different way of learning for the children.

I want to principally thank you all for your support, flexibility and understanding as the school has transitioned into online learning, particularly with the introduction of the Zoom online lessons. Our staff and children have adapted and cooperated fully and enthusiastically with the changes to the online learning platform, with a great deal of success and engagement. I wish to highlight the amazing work of our teaching staff and our school community for swiftly mastering the online technology and establishing classrooms within their homes. The imagination and creativity that is emerging across our school community and most importantly from the pupils themselves, reflects the very best of Iqra School.

I hope that over the coming few days we will be given an indication of when pupils will be able to return to school, **but** I need to make you aware that it will be a considerable length of time before the school opens fully with all pupils in at the same time.

It is likely that social distancing will be a part of all our lives for some time and this is also likely to apply in school. It is important that you prepare yourselves and your children for a phased return. Helping your child focus on key skills, such as becoming Responsible and Independent Learners will enable them to cope and prepare for a period of time where their time in school, and the number of lessons, may be reduced. Over the next few weeks we will start to communicate to you the schools plan for re-opening as well as some key wellbeing approaches for pupils.

We continue to listen carefully to the challenges that some parents face and I would like to remind all parents that they can contact the teachers directly or the school office via email office@iqra.slough.sch.uk .

Your Sincerely,

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Iqra School Head teacher