

15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Autumn Term Start - Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

As you may be aware Mr. Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, provided schools with some detailed guidance for schools opening in September 2020. I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate to you the key requirements that the government have outlined and our initial thoughts on how re-opening for all year groups will look in September 2020.

I can confirm that we are looking to be open for all year groups. The key aspects of the guidance are as follows:

- Grouping children together in groups or "bubbles"
- Avoiding contact in school between these groups, with separate starting, finishing, lunch and break times
- Attendance of students at school is compulsory
- Test and trace in place for schools
- Regular cleaning of hands, but masks not expected for pupils or staff
- Those with symptoms told to stay out of school
- No big group events like school assemblies
- Pupils will be expected to continue with all their statutory assessments.

The full guidance can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>.

Myself and the Senior Leadership Team have looked at this guidance in detail and our initial plans are outlined below:

- Pupil year group bubbles:
 - Bubble 1 - Reception
 - Bubble 2 - Years 1 and 2
 - Bubble 3 - Years 3 and 4
 - Bubble 4 - Years 5 and 6
- Staggered **start** and **finish** times for all year group bubbles
- Staggered break and lunch times in allocated the allocated bubbles.
- We will need to think carefully about how to avoid the sharing of equipment between year groups. This may not always be possible but we endeavour to clean equipment before and after use.
- We encourage pupils in all year groups to bring in packed lunches rather than going home for their lunch

- All assemblies will be virtual to Key Stage groups.
- We will install a number of new hand sanitiser stations at the main entrances and in the main corridors to facilitate pupil hand sanitisation on entry to school.
- The 2metre distancing of teachers from their students at the front of the class will continue where possible.
- Prayers for Years 4, 5 and 6 will be suspended. Children are encouraged to pray at home.
- Attendance: The Government has announced that all children must return back to full-time school in September 2020. Failure to send children back to school in September will result in a Government fine unless there is a legitimate reason for a child not attending.

Staggered Start and Finish Times.

	Start of School Day	Home Time
NEW IQRA SCHOOL GATE (Entrance through Willow/Iqra School shared car park – rear of the school playground) Bubble 4 – Years 5 & 6	Gates open - 8.30am Registration - 8:40am	3.00 pm Pupils will be dismissed from the new gate
MAIN SCHOOL GATE Bubble 3 – Years 3 & 4	Gates open - 9.00am Registration - 9:10am	2.30 pm Year 3 collection from classrooms Year 4 collection from MUGA
MAIN SCHOOL GATE Bubble 2 – Years 1 & 2	Gates open - 9.30am Registration - 9.40am	2.50 pm Parents collect pupils from their classrooms
SCHOOL HALL REAR ENTRANCE Bubble 1 - Reception	Gates open - 8.30am Registration - 8:40am	2.30 pm Parents collect pupils from school entrance at the rear of the school hall

- Parents will be allowed onto the school playground to drop and pick their children up at the start and end of the school day.
- Parents will **not** be allowed into the school building (classrooms). We ask parents to maintain social distancing in accordance with the government guidelines.
- The staggered times above gives parents ample opportunity to drop off their children at their allocated times **before** the arrival of the next 'bubble'. Please can

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all parents arrive to school on time. Parents will be asked to vacate the school playground by Iqra School Staff before the arrival of the next 'bubble'.

These are our initial strategies for the reopening of Iqra school in September 2020. Staff will be available to guide parents to the correct entrances at the start and at the end of the school day. We will review this strategy after 4 weeks and amend the school day according to the government guidelines where needed.

I thank all parents for their continued support through these trying times. I look forward to seeing the School community coming back together in September.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Mineza Maher
Iqra School Head teacher

