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RE: Decision to move to remote learning from Tuesday 5th January

Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from my letter to parents yesterday I am writing to inform you that Iqra school will be **closed from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January**, and will move to deliver online learning to all its pupils.

I apologise sincerely for the short notice. As you know cases of COVID in Slough are amongst the highest in the South East. Today only a third of pupils attended school with the vast majority of parents choosing to keep their child at home due to significant health and safety concerns. With regards to the health and safety concerns raised by parents, unfortunately we have nothing more we can add to our health and safety arrangements – if we had, we would have already introduced them.

So, in light of the above, I have decided to move Iqra school to remote learning from Tuesday 5th January. In the first instance this will be for two weeks – until Friday 15th January. We will review the situation on a weekly basis and communicate with you the outcome.

All work for remote learning will be available on MS TEAMS from Tuesday 5th January. For Reception classes remote learning will be via Zoom. Class teachers will be contacting pupils and parents in the usual way via MS TEAMS/Zoom. If your child has a problem with their login details or accessing the remote learning please contact the class teacher via email or email parentconnect@iqra.slough.sch.uk

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th we ask that you, as a parent/carer come into the playground to collect a Home Learning book (if your child does not have one) and additional resources which will help your child with their online learning. There will be a desk set up to register and collect these from. They will be available to collect from 9am – 11am. Please do not come at any other time to collect the resources. Remember to keep socially distanced and wear a mask whilst undertaking this activity. Remote Learning devices will be allocated to those pupils who are receiving free school meals or are on the school vulnerable register. Unfortunately, the school will not be able to provide devices to pupils who do not fall into these categories.

The school will remain open for pupils of key workers and those are in the vulnerable category but would ask you to think very carefully about whether it is an absolute necessity for your child to attend school as the rates are now so high. If you believe you should be part of this group, please email office@iqra.slough.sch.uk

Finally, I would like to add that this was not an easy decision to make. However, a few weeks of remote learning against the very real dangers of our families' long-term health and safety make this the right thing to do. I truly appreciate the support you give me and the Iqra school community when such decisions have to be made.

Your Sincerely,

Dr Mineza Maher
Iqra School Headteacher