Wednesday 1st September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to welcome all our pupils and parents back to school on Friday 3rd September. I am sure you have all welcomed the Governments latest news regarding the lifting of all legal restrictions in England regarding COVID-19. We as a school will comply with Government guidance and will continue with some caution as we all have to learn to live with COVID-19 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery>). As a minimum we will be continuing with:

1. Good hygiene for everyone- use of handwashing and hand sanitising

2. Maintain our cleaning regimes

3. Keeping rooms well ventilated

4. Following Public Health and Government advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

We have all learnt much from this period of time and not all the restrictions that we have put into place have proved to be negative, there have been many positives. With this in mind, below I have outlined how we plan to proceed when school reopens for the new academic year on Friday 3rd September:

• The school gates will open at 8:25am for all our pupils and registration begins at 8:30am. We will continue with our various entry/exit gates for pupils.

* Years 5 & 6 will use the new gate from the Willow/Iqra shared car park. Gates will be open from 8:25am until 8:50am. and children will go straight to their classrooms.
* Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will use the main gate. Gates will close at 8:55am
* Reception children will enter/exit from the rear gate through the school hall. This gate will open at 8:25am and close at 8:50am

• Children can be collected at the end of the school day through the same gates. The school day for pupils in Years 1 – 6 is from 8:30am – 3:00pm. Pupils in Reception will finish their day at **2:50pm**. Please collect your younger children first and then exit from your nearest gate after collecting the older siblings. Please **do not** congregate on the school playground.

If you are unsure of which class your child is in please ask the school office.

• We are now allowed to hold face to face meetings with parents so if you wish to book an appointment this can be done by contacting the school office by telephone or e-mail.

• Teachers will be available for parents and carers if they wish to have a quick word on pick up but they must wait until after all the children have been dismissed. Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 parents will need to wait for the teachers outside their classrooms. Years 4 - 6 parents will need to wait in the playground next to their children’s collection point.

• To help the children develop their independence we encourage all parents to ‘drop’ their older children (Year 3 – 6) at the gates and allow them to walk to their classes. There is always a member of staff at the school gates so children are safe. In addition, we will still not allow children to return to the building for forgotten items once they have exited the building.

• Children will not need to bring in pens or pencils as these will be provided by the school therefore pencil cases will not be required.

• School office will be open daily between 8:30am and 3:30pm

• Contact with school can be made by telephone 01753 520018 or email [office@iqra.slough.sch.uk](mailto:office@iqra.slough.sch.uk)

• The Parent Connect email address is no longer monitored unless we have to reintroduce the closing of Year groups due to a school or local area outbreak of COVID-19 and have to return to remote learning.

• Reading books and homework books can be returned to school for checking according to individual class homework timetables

• The school website will be the main method of informing parents “Latest News” page or scrolling banner for daily updates and weekly news Class Pages for home learning and information about individual classes.

• All children will be expected to wear full school uniform and children will need to have a school coat which is appropriate for the weather conditions.

If we have an outbreak of COVID-19 in the school i.e. several cases identified within a 14-day period or there is a Local Area outbreak we will have to put in place our “Outbreak Management Plan” and risk assessment. Both can be found here: <https://www.iqraprimary.com/about/policies/>

Our Outbreak Management Plan will be implemented for the minimum amount of time necessary and will be adjusted according to advice from Local Government Health Protection Teams. Let us all hope and pray that we will all be able to return to some sense of normality and that the planning we have put into place will help to keep everyone safe.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr M Maher (Headteacher)

Here are some links to important government documents to support you and your families.

Updates to the contingency framework: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf>

Parental guidance: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/24/back-to-school-what-you-need-to-know/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery>

Parents FAQ Leaflet: <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/Leaflets/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery>