

18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Cold Weather Advice

Each year, as the weather begins to change, we want to remind parents to make sure that children are dressed appropriately before heading to school each day. Our English weather can change on a moment's notice, and pupils need to be prepared for the changes.

At Iqra School, our policy states that pupils will be sent outside for break and lunch each day unless;

1. The outside temperature and/or wind chill is too low for pupils. The head teacher, along with school staff, generally consider precipitation, wind chill and other weather conditions daily in making an indoor/outdoor decision. The bottom line is pupil safety. This is not a decision that we can paint with a 'broad brush'.
2. It is pouring rain.
3. An emergency is called by the Weather Service.

During home time, pupils can be waiting outside for up to 10 minutes (in some cases more) before they are collected by parents, and that can be a long time to be in the cold without appropriate cold-weather clothing. Break time throughout the day can last between 15-20 minutes. If pupils bring hats and gloves in their backpacks, they can be ready for any drastic weather changes. Please help your child **remember** to bring the necessary items so they can be warm, comfortable and enjoy their time outside at break during the cold weather.

### **Label pupils clothing and other items**

Some of you might have noticed that our pupils lost property has grown quite large already this year, and it is only November! One of the easiest things that you can do at home to ensure that your child comes home every day with their belongings - is to LABEL all items of clothing, lunchboxes and backpacks with their name and class. This task takes almost no time, and can save you, as the parent, a lot of money and difficulty in trying to locate lost items at school.

Your Sincerely,

Dr Mineza Maher