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Re-Opening of School

All pupils and staff will return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. Please ensure your child is in school on time.

Covid-19 Safety Measures

During the spring term, the school will continue to take steps to minimise the risk of infection.

- There will be increased ventilation in classrooms.
- We will be cleaning more frequently, including regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitiser regularly.
- Respiratory hygiene – 'catch it, bin it, kill it' – will continue to be encouraged.
- All staff and essential visitors will wear face coverings in communal areas.
- Current government guidance will be followed for anyone who displays symptoms, tests positive or is identified as a close contact of a positive case.

Pupils who test positive for Covid-19

- Pupils who have one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change of taste/smell) must isolate at home and get a PCR test immediately.
- The result of the test should be shared with the school.
- If a pupil tests positive, they will isolate in line with [guidance from NHS Test and Trace](#).
- Asymptomatic pupils who test positive with a Rapid Lateral Flow test must isolate at home immediately and get a PCR test within 2 days to confirm the result.

Pupils identified as close contact

All fully vaccinated adults and children aged 5 to 18 years old who are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, will be asked to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. As long as pupils continue to test negative, and do not develop symptoms, they will be able to attend school. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result.

Parent Coffee Mornings

As part of our Covid safety measures, we are temporarily shifting all Friday coffee mornings online (Zoom). This week's coffee morning will be hosted by the Principal (Mr. Mirza):

Date: **Friday 7th January 2022** Time: 8:45am – 9:45am

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning.

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 6428 8030 Passcode: 654321

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have had an enjoyable, restful and safe winter holiday. I recognise that the start of this term will have some challenges for us to manage so that all our children get a consistent and high-quality education as possible. Cases of Covid-19 are now at their highest levels since the start of the pandemic, with the highly transmissible Omicron now the dominant variant.

With the possibility of staff and pupil absences during January, we have reviewed our Covid risk assessments and outbreak control plans including how to respond to potential increased staff absence where this makes it hard to maintain face to face learning for every class.

Although we will try our best to keep classes open for face-to-face teaching as much as possible, if staffing levels fall too low and we are unable to find suitable cover, then we will seek advice from Star Academies, which may result in the temporary shifting of learning online (at home via TEAMS).

Let us continue to plan/prepare and put our trust and reliance in Allah the almighty. I wish you all a safe, happy and successful 2022. If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school. Please remember the school in your prayers.

Booster Classes

As we are already experiencing staff shortages due to Covid, we are temporarily cancelling all morning and after school booster classes with immediate effect. We hope to reintroduce all booster classes from *w/c 21st February 2022* when Covid infections rates are hopefully lower.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club will continue every day. We request that this service only be used by pupils who really need it so that we can ensure that pupils from different classes/year groups are socially distanced. The breakfast club starts at 7:35am.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 girls will start their swimming sessions from **Friday 7th January 2022** at the **Kings Hall Leisure Centre**. Please follow the guidance in the letter that was sent out before the holidays. Please drop your child directly to Kings Hall Leisure Centre between 8:15am – 8:25am where a member of staff will take them in. The sessions will begin at 8:30am prompt.

VIP Pizza Party

65 pupils were invited to the VIP Pizza Party scheduled for **Friday 7th January 2022, 10:30am – 11:15am**. As part of our Covid safety measures, we will be splitting the VIP Pizza Party into three separate parties. Here are the revised dates:

- Rec, Year 1 and 2 – **Friday 7th January 2022**
- Year 3 and 4 – **Friday 14th January 2022**
- Year 5 and 6 – **Friday 21st January 2022**