



PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

School Reopening: Important Changes

Assalamu Alaikum, I hope and pray this letter finds you in the best of health and Imaan.

Because we had such a positive response from parents, with almost all giving their consent for pupils to be tested, we have had to revise our opening arrangements. In this letter I will be explaining how and when pupils will start back at school.

Monday March 8th – all pupils in Years 7, 10 and 11

All pupils in these year groups should arrive at their normal time and go straight to their form rooms. The year group bubbles or zones will still be in place and all pupils should remain in their designated zones. We will arrange for testing for each year group during the course of the day. Pupils in other year groups will remain at home and will follow their normal remote learning timetable.

Tuesday March 9th – all pupils in all year groups

All pupils should arrive at school at normal time and go straight to their form rooms. The year group bubbles or zones will still be in place and all pupils should remain in their designated zones. We will arrange for testing for each year group during the course of the day.

Laptops

If you have borrowed a laptop from the school, please bring this with you on **Wednesday March 10th** when you will be able to return it.

Packed Lunches

Until we have completed the mass testing it will not be possible to open the canteen until March 17th. The normal lunchtime timetable will resume on that day. All pupils should come with a packed lunch and with their own water bottle until then. FSM pupils will be provided with a packed lunch in school.

Face coverings: it is now a government recommendation for all pupils in secondary schools to wear face coverings in class and in all communal areas. Please ensure that your daughter attends school with an appropriately plain face covering and that she observes proper hygiene in the wearing of her face mask.

When pupils return we will have in place a programme of mass testing for staff and pupils for Covid19. During the course of the first two weeks we will test pupils for Covid19 three times. After this date we will issue pupils with home test kits and will ask that they are tested twice a week and that their test results are submitted to NHS England. I will give you more information about this nearer the time.



If a pupil in school should test positive then that pupil will be sent home to self-isolate for the next 10 days. All pupils who have been in close contact with that person will also be sent home and instructed to self-isolate for the next 10 days. These pupils will access their learning through MS Teams and should continue their normal timetable of lessons unless they are unwell.

It is important that all pupils and staff play their part in minimizing the spread of the virus. In particular, we need all of our pupils to support the school in the following ways:

1. Only attend school if you and all members of your household do not have Covid-19 related symptoms.
2. Arrive at school and leave to go home promptly. Do not congregate in and around school at the end of the day.
3. Use a sanitiser to disinfect hands upon entering and leaving school and regularly within the day. Wash hands with soap regularly during the day.
4. Remain in your zone and 'bubble' at all times.
5. Avoid physical contact at all times. No hugs, shaking hands etc. Maintain as much distance from others as possible.
6. Wear a face covering in class and on the corridors at all times where you cannot maintain a 2m social distance
7. In the classroom, do not move the tables or chairs. Avoid touching displays and other surfaces. Wipe specialist equipment before and after use.
8. Do not share belongings, such as stationery or food, with others.
9. Use only the toilet block that is designated to your year group. Only enter the toilets if there is a free cubicle.
10. Bring your water bottles from home as the water fountain will be out of use.

We greatly appreciate your support and know that if we all work together then we can make a success of this and ensure that fewer pupils have to be sent home for self-isolation. I pray to the Almighty to grant us Aafiyah (wellbeing). Aameen. Most of all, we look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school and taking the first steps towards a return to normality. If you have any particular concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

