



7 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Assalaam-alaikum/Peace be with you,

I hope you are all well insha'Allah. I am writing to clarify the arrangements for school during this current period of lockdown. As announced by the Government on Monday, all schools are now closed to pupils with the exception of vulnerable children and those of key workers. Please note the following information to support your daughter during this period of time.

Remote Learning

The expectation is that all pupils will work remotely. Teachers will continue to use Teams to deliver lessons that follow your daughter's usual school timetable. Both teachers and pupils will be working in a very different way to normal, and I appreciate that it will take time to settle into this new routine. Should you require any support with accessing the work then please contact your daughter's Student Support Officer in the first instance.

It is very important that pupils keep up with the work so that when we are able to return to school they are not too far behind with work. You will be contacted by staff if there are concerns about your daughter's attendance at lessons. If your daughter is ill and therefore cannot attend the lessons and complete the work, please can you report the absence by telephoning the school in the usual way.

Safeguarding

At Feversham Academy, the safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils is of paramount importance to us. We greatly value the positive relationships we have established with our pupils and their families and our offer of advice, support and guidance extends to parents and carers through the work of our Pastoral and Safeguarding Team.

Members of the safeguarding team will be continuing our regular check-in with families and pupils needing a bit of extra help throughout the period of school closure. Please engage with school if a member of staff emails you, calls in to check in with you, speak to your daughter or even comes to your house for a face to face conversation (within social distancing guidelines). If you receive a phone call from a withheld number it could well be us, so please bear this in mind.

Yr 11 and Yr 13 Examinations

Yesterday the announcement was made that GCSE and A Level examinations for Years 11 and 13 have been cancelled. I expect to receive some further information about how grades will be awarded over the coming weeks. Once I have more details I will contact you again to explain what is happening. Years 11 and 13 should continue to complete work as directed by teachers.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you should have already been contacted by text message informing you of arrangements that have been put in place during this lockdown. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

Health and Wellbeing

The current situation is one that may cause additional stress and worry for everyone. In addition to the fear of the risk of the disease itself, social isolation, school closures, and changes in our everyday situations can take a toll on our spirituality and mental well-being. During these unprecedented and



difficult times, it is important that we turn to Allah, seek His help, be patient and know that nothing happens except with His decree. We must also ensure that we follow the guidance issued by the government in order to protect ourselves and those around us; this is in line with the teachings of our Prophet (peace be upon him) in which he advised us to 'tie our camel and trust in Allah.' May Allah preserve and protect us all in these challenging times – Ameen.

If you need any support over the next few weeks do not hesitate to contact us. Please follow the current advice and stay safe and look after each other; I pray that Allah keeps you all in good health – Ameen. Please remember us all in your du'aas and insha'Allah we will return to school soon.

Regards,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'S. Muneer'.

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Principal