



## ICC Wembley New Term Re-opening Guidelines



Dear Parents

The present circumstances the country faces has changed how society operates, including schools. I am certain you will have many questions about how the Madrassah will be opening in September and I hope this letter will address these questions.

The government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They've decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing,
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place,
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools.
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means we as a Madrassah are also planning to open to all of our pupils in September.

**We're looking forward to welcoming our children back on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020** and we're working hard to make the school a safe and enjoyable learning environment.

This letter explains what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers when we return to Madrassah.

## **Attendance**

**Attendance will be mandatory for all the children from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, as the government expects all pupils to attend school.** The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences in line with our school and local policies.

**If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government has paused this guidance from 1 August and children are expected to return to school in September.**

However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. **Please note you will be required to provide a copy of the letter you receive from your GP.**

## **Safety Measures**

For the safety of our children, parents and staff, we'll have the following systems of control:

- Enhanced cleaning procedures
- Common areas will be cleaned regularly
- Pupils will be supported through the curriculum about good respiratory hygiene (catch it; bin it; kill it) and regular hand washing has been timetabled.
- Due to the limitation of only one point of entry into Madrassah, the Madrassah will operate a staggered start and end for each bubble to meet the requirements of social distancing.

**The timetable for each bubble is as follows:**

- 1. Year 1 will start at 5:00pm and finish at 6:45pm**
- 2. Years 2 and 3 will start at 4:30pm and finish at 6:15 pm**
- 3. Years 4 and 5 will start at 4:45pm and finish at 6:30 pm**
- 4. Hifz Class will start at 5:15 pm and finish at 8:00 pm**

- Year groups will operate mainly in bubbles to maintain social distancing and to minimize transmission. This arrangement allows us to open the Madrassah to all year groups. This may be adapted after opening.

Signage will be in place for your reference.

Pupils will be expected to:

- Wear full uniform.
  - Bring their water bottle. Fresh water for refills will be available
  - Children will not be allowed to bring any other equipment or bags to Madrassah apart from their own curricular books
  - No mobile phone rules will still be applicable
1. Guidance encourages children and parents to avoid use of public transport. Please walk to Madrassah where possible. Please make arrangements to follow this guidance wherever possible.
  2. Behaviour policy will be in operation and children will revisit the expectations during the first few weeks of being back to Madrassah.

**3. We request if your child is unwell or any member of the family shows the symptoms associated with COVID-19 (fever; persistent cough; loss of smell and taste; diarrhea; headache) please inform the school and keep the child at home.**

4. Please note children who display COVID-19 like symptoms will be isolated and we request parents to respond to the call with urgency

5. Please contact your nearest testing station or organize a test if you have symptoms.  
Please keep the Madrassah updated of results

6. As directed by the guidance, the bubbles will continue to operate till the Madrassah is notified of further steps to be taken due to a positive test or through test and trace service. Pupils and staff may be required to self-isolate as directed.

7. Our risk assessment will be available on our website once finalised.

### **Curriculum**

Although there will need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we'll still be doing our best to provide an ambitious and broad curriculum. Our current plan is:

- **A bespoke recovery curriculum with a focus on Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Wellbeing in the light of Islam**
- **Early identification of gaps and progress in children's learning and knowledge through teacher assessments**
- **Our usual curriculum will be adjusted during this term but the Madrassah will continue to meet the requirements of a broad and balanced curriculum.**

## **Pastoral support**

We're aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils. Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they're experiencing bereavement.

Our current plans to support your children's wellbeing during this time are:

- A bespoke recovery curriculum which allows children space and time to explore their emotions, addresses their anxiety and build resilience

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the community. We'll continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Warm regards,

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