

Date: 18th April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I write this evening as both the Executive Principal and as a father of two children in our school, to reassure you and to quash rumours that have circulated today about the school being closed as we have suspended half of our bus service this week.

Having been in my office since the early hours of this morning, I can safely say that the school is very much open.

Indeed, I wanted to let you know that I will never close the school, or stop a service that we provide to you intentionally, unless I am instructed to do so by the authorities.

Where services are suspended, it will be for precautionary measures to protect you, your children and your extended family. This is the case regardless of being in a global pandemic.

I also want to reassure you that where any child or member of staff or the community has been exposed to a direct risk, you will be personally contacted by the school, and/or the authorities.

As you would expect, we have learnt many lessons during these trying and unusual times, and we have put many policies and procedures in place to prevent such measures being taken. Likewise, we have put in many contingency plans to keep the operations and services going as consistently as possible.

However, we are also governed by strict rules and regulations that have been put in place to protect us all, and as such, what may seem a simple solution to a problem by you or me, it is indeed not always possible under these conditions.

I understand as a parent, the effects such decisions have on family life, as well as the critical missing time in the classroom for the students who I feel for so much in these times.

Should you be affected by the bus suspension this week, I sincerely apologise for this inconvenience, but rest assured this is in the best interest of you and your families, and please know that under the rules, I am unable to put a contingency together in this case.

Should you wish your son or daughter to join the distance learning group this week, then please notify your child's teacher who will set this up. Alternatively you can transport your children to school for their classes and collect them if you wish.

In the next 24 hours, you will be sent a link to subscribe to our Whatsapp group, where we are adding another layer of official communication to you in addition to email, SMS, and our website.

Please note that these are our official channels, and unless it is published on these mediums, it is no more than hearsay.

As always, I thank you for your kind messages of support in these circumstances, and your understanding.

Ramadan Kareem,



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