



LONDON EAST ACADEMY & AL MIZAN SCHOOL

ISLAMIC SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS & ISLAMIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

28/08/20

Dear parent/guardian,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Re: Back to school

I'd like to welcome you and your child back to school for the new academic year of 2020/21. Our schools will open for pupils on Wednesday, 2nd September 2020 for the usual times of 8am to 3:10pm for secondary and 8am to 4pm for primary.

As you're likely aware, 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

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, 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.

If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August if there's a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back 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. We'll be offering support to these pupils.

Safety measures

When your children come into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- Drop off and pick up plans
 - (Al-Mizan) Year 3 and 4 will use the Maryam Centre; women's entrance
 - (Al-Mizan) Year 5 and 6 will use the main Maryam Centre mosque entrance
 - (LEA) Key stage 3 will use the LMC Fieldgate street entrance, but will use the stairs on Whitechapel side which will be accessed through the ground floor hall
 - (LEA) Key stage 4 will use the Fieldgate street entrance and the stairs adjacent to it to access the classrooms.
- The above drop off and pick plans reflect the bubbling of keystone groups which will be reflected in the school's premises too to ensure there's no interaction of one bubble with the other. Each bubble will have their own dedicated uses of classrooms, toilets, ablutions, prayers area and lunch areas.
- For guidance on what to do when your child shows symptoms or has come in contact with someone with coronavirus, Please refer to the attached latest risk assessment.
- Al-Mizan & LEA will have a **no uniform policy** for the first half term until October 2020. This is to ensure that pupils wear fresh clothes on a regular basis to for personal hygiene.
- Secondary pupils will need take their own stationary and equipment as a must on a regular basis and not share with others. LEA pupils will not be given any equipment by the school.

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- Pupils will need to bring their own packed lunches for at least the first 2 weeks upon return to school. We will let you know when school lunches will start.
- There will be no school trips or outdoor excursions for at least the first half term until mid October.
- Please refer to our schools risk assessment August 2020 for further details.
- There will be no after school Tahfiz classes in the first 2 weeks of school. We will inform you when that starts.

Jazakumullah khairan,

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