

MADANI SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Assalamu' Alaikum

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to MOST pupils – STAY AT HOME, SAVE LIVES

Following on from my last update, as you may already be aware, I am writing to confirm that **we have been instructed by the Government/ Department for Education to close the school to MOST children from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice. All other children other than those specifically detailed by the UK Govt', across ALL year groups, will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March 2020 onwards.**

As advised by the UK Government, we will stay open from **Monday 23rd March 2020 onwards and throughout the holiday period ONLY for children where both parent/ carers are key workers** (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with specific needs or vulnerabilities. If you are in this group we will have discussed this with you during the week.

These key workers particularly in the NHS are staying at work to save our lives, many thousands 30k plus this week have re-joined the NHS for this very purpose, we are only staying open so that they can continue to do so and it is very important that those who are not part of this critical response or can make alternative arrangements, work from home and ensure students remain at home and stay at home – simply put, this is what you can do to protect your own children, families, our learning community and to support us.

To reiterate, as the Secretary of State for Education has made clear, **you should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, because your work as prescribed key workers (both Parent/ Carers) is critical to the national COVID-19 response. "If a child can stay safely at home (age appropriate), then they should be at home" and not be outside during the school day or otherwise.** Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers> for the latest guidance and more information for parents and carers.

Please note that this is a national closure, as you will undoubtedly have heard in the news, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know by text, email, social media and the website when the school is opening again.

What we'll do for the small number of children in school

Students will be offered a broad and balanced curriculum of learning activities, recreational time and full break/ lunch provision within the constraints of the situation and as staffing permits. Appropriate social distancing of at least 2 metres together with a carousel use of classrooms will be maintained at all times to mitigate any risk and deep cleaning of environments and surfaces.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to support your child remotely to learn as detailed in the previous letter. However, please be patient with response times and any technical errors during this unprecedented time. We will follow up on all enquiries but please be mindful that our amazing staff and all frontline workers nationally are doing all that we can.

Please visit the school website for the home learning page, links, other websites and subject curriculum overviews. If you have limited or no online access or any other issue concerning home learning please contact 0116 249 8086 or email learning@madani.leicester.sch.uk



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What we won't be able to go ahead with

- Weekly and weekend after-school clubs
- Forthcoming scheduled events and trips
- Parent/ Carer Evenings
- All internal exams or tests, this includes Art and Food technology

School Meal Arrangements

We have made arrangements for daily lunch packs or weekly food packs containing essential items for those eligible and most in need to be either collected from the school reception or where possible delivered in an appropriate manner. For these families, we will be in touch throughout the closure period. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please email help@madani.leicester.sch.uk or call the school.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern, please call or email using the following contact details to speak to a designated safeguarding leader directly:

- Madani Boys School Telephone Number: 07572 872488
- Madani Girls School Telephone Number 07376 222501
- Email: help@madani.leicester.sch.uk

Alternatively, you may also contact the Children and Young People's 'Duty and Advice Service' directly via 0116 4541004 (Open 24/7), Childline 0800 1111; and or if appropriate ring the police 0116 222222. In the event of an emergency, always call 999.

We appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please use the following:

- Learning issues – learning@madani.leicester.sch.uk
- Attendance issues - registration@madani.leicester.sch.uk
- Safeguarding/ wellbeing issues - HELP@madani.leicester.sch.uk
- Year 9 Options - options@madani.leicester.sch.uk

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please go to 111.nhs.uk, or call 111 which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, you can call 18001 111 on a textphone or use the [NHS 111 British Sign Language \(BSL\) interpreter service](#) if you're deaf and want to use the phone service.

We very much appreciate your support and understanding in what is certainly unprecedented circumstances. JKK/ Shukran/ Thank you for your continued support in this matter. Our primary aim and supplication above all is that every child, parent, carer and member of staff return to school once we reopen. Please continue to make du'a for our learning community, all communities worldwide particularly our vulnerable and elderly inshaAllah for Allah SWT's Divine Mercy – the school gates may be closed today, but the Gates of Mercy remain open.

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we're here to learn

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