

MADANI SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Assalaamu 'Alaikum | (May His Peace, Mercy and Blessings be Upon You)

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I pray you are all well and in good health.

As you will be aware, the current 'R rating' for transmission of Covid-19 is increasing exponentially, which has resulted in the Government imposing stricter restrictions and maintaining existing Government guidance. This is a trend which is only likely to continue with the forthcoming winter period looming. The following letter details updates on school timings and provision in light of the current situation well in advance, to allow parents and carers to make arrangements.

ASSEMBLIES/ COLLECTIVE WORSHIP (SALAH)

As mentioned in my previous letters dated 4th August and 7th September 2020; in line with national Government school reopening guidance, we will still sadly not be in position yet to commence large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship for the duration of Half term 2 and 3 (26th October 2020 – 12th February 2021). This will however remain subject to change.

In line with Masajid across the city and country, it is not currently possible to access the ablution facilities which are deemed high risk areas, particularly with the large volume of students who would require access and also to maintain distinct groups or school 'bubbles' in doing so.

In light of the above, for the duration of Half Term 2 and 3:

- **ALL students will be released from 12.40pm each day – Monday to Friday.** All students will be expected to collect any pre-arranged packed lunches, go home directly, perform ablution and complete their salah at home or in their local Masjid in advance of their afternoon remote learning session (see overleaf). Please note that in line with all Masajid in the city, students will require their own face covering and prayer mat to enter any Masjid.
- **For the duration of Half Term 2 and 3, additional provision for community Jumuah salah will be scheduled at the school Masjid every Friday.** There will continue to be a second jumuah commencing at 1.15pm for students to attend. This is designed to enable students to complete ablution at home and to subsequently pray their salah in congregation. Students, who do not reside in close proximity of the school, may also access the many other Jumuah scheduled across the city as long as they are ready to commence remote learning.
- **Please support the school by signing your child's salah log in their planner** so that tutors can monitor five times salah completion outside of school hours. Suffice to say, in normal circumstances, there is absolutely no way that we would consider a school day without salah and certainly not Jumuah prayer, as this is the very heart of our Islamic school day and week – the situation and constraints are simply out of our hands at present.

We appreciate that the new timings may impact on your travel plans and childcare arrangements. We have worked within Government guidance to primarily preserve salah and to provide our students, year 11 in particular, with every opportunity to achieve their academic potential after many months of considerable missed learning.

Preserving salah and the deen of your child through their education to supplement your home tarbiyah was your honourable preference in selecting Madani Schools. Rest assured, **these changes are only being made to protect the various impacted salah.** As soon as we are able to return to collective prayer in school we will do so - indeed it is the heart of the school day that we miss greatly.

The interim school timings for in school and remote learning, for the duration of HT 2 and 3 are:

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Half Term 2 & 3 Timings
26th October - 12th Feb 2021
In school learning
7.35 Year 11 Breakfast
7.45 Lesson 0 (Year 11, selected 7 and 8)
8.05 Gates open/ Staggered arrival
8.20 Lesson 1
9.20 Lesson 2
10.20 Break
10.40 Lesson 3
11.40 Lesson 4
12.40 In school learning END Students leave site
12.40 Home Lunch followed by Zuhr Salah

Remote learning (via TEAMS)
13.40 Tutor/ Tarbiyah programme
13.55 Lesson 5
14.55 Remote learning END
14.55 Asar Salah

Remote learning + (Targeted)
15.05 Lesson 6 (Year 11, selected 7 and 8)
15.55 Remote learning END
15.55 Maghrib Salah (Subject to timings)

REMOTE LEARNING

During Half term 2 and 3 timings, self-isolation or in the event of a local lockdown; if able to work, your child is expected to join the remote lessons in time, on time as per the school lesson timings. They must observe the Remote Learning procedures and Code of Conduct that have previously been shared with them via their school email address. If they require any support whilst remotely learning, they should use the contact email addresses provided to them or call the school to speak to the relevant staff.

If your child does not have access to technology and is therefore unable to attend the lessons remotely using Microsoft Teams, then please get in touch with the school via student services so that paper-based resources can be made available. We are currently reviewing your feedback from the Technology and Travel Survey, so where possible, we can support your child to better access online remote learning from home.

I'd like to take this opportunity again to thank you/ JKK for your continued support, for your patience, understanding and indeed your du'a during unprecedented times.

Best regards/ Wasalam

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**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

See attached **Public Health England letter for parents and/ or carers** about COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms