



Friday, 17 July 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian, Assalaamu Alaikum (May Peace Be Upon You)

I pray that you and your family are safe and well. Aameen.

Year 6

We are so sad to see our Year 6's leave, after what has been an incredibly strange academic year. From everyone at the Olive School, we wish each and every one of you a bright and wonderful future.

Staff Changes

It is with a heavy heart we say goodbye to the following staff in September:

- Mr N Jabil – Assistant Principal (upper KS2)
- Mr MT Patel – Ibn Jabal (Y4)
- Miss F Wilson – Al Farsi (Y4)
- Miss M Patel – Ibn Abbaas (Y2)

We wish them all the best of luck with their new jobs and will miss them dearly.

On a happier note, we would like to congratulate:

- Mr H Adam – Associate Assistant Principal (upper KS2)
- Ms A Khan – Barakah (Y4)
- Mrs R Patel – Al Farsi (Y4)
- Mrs Hussain – Ibn Abbaas (Y2)
- Miss Ahmed – Ibn Sa'd (Y3)

Return of Laptops and Other IT Devices

If your child has been using a laptop or other device issued by the school, please return it to the school by **Friday 24th July**. The school office is accessible from 10am until 1pm on each day.

School Opening for the new Academic Year

The Government has announced that all students will return to school full-time from September onwards. Following the summer holidays, school will re-open on the following day:

Wednesday, 2nd September, 2020

The Government has released guidance to schools on precautions that should be taken to keep everyone safe and well. We will write to you in August with details on how your child will return to school.



Term Dates 2020-2021, Attendance & Holidays During Term Time

Please find enclosed a copy of the term dates for the new academic year.

It is really important that students attend school fully. Last year, over 200 students achieved attendance of 99% or higher - missing no more than 1 day from school during the year. Each year, students with the worst attendance make less progress and achieve lower grades in their studies. This is why we will insist that students attend school fully and ask the Education Welfare Officer from the Local Authority to visit homes for students with poor attendance.

As you know, the school is not allowed to authorise any trips abroad during term time unless there are exceptional (emergency) circumstances for the student concerned. Thank you for your support with this.

Uniform

The school now has a new uniform supplier called Stevensons. Grays Schoolwear will continue to provide uniform whilst stocks last.

Stevensons | 01727 815700 |

www.stevensons.co.uk OR

Grays Schoolwear | 01254 51425

Students must wear the full and correct uniform at all times. This includes the following:



*Must be purchased from Star Academies approved retailer

Sportswear: plain white t-shirt; plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms; plain black tracksuit top (optional); plain white, black or grey socks; plain trainers or plimsolls.



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Bus Service

If you have registered your child for the bus service, please note, confirmation will be sent over the Summer break to the email address you registered your child's details on.

And Finally...

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all your support throughout the academic year, particularly during the very difficult past few months.

Since the school closed in late March, we have been able to:

- Keep the school open for vulnerable learners and children of keyworkers.
- Deliver a full programme of learning in each subject to all our students in Years Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and 6.
- Loan of laptops to families so that students do not miss out on learning.
- Make regular contact with parents to check on the learning and wellbeing of each of our students.
- Open the school for all year groups
- Raise over £10,000 for charity through our fundraising in Ramadhaan and appeal on food poverty.
- Prepare and deliver meals and hamper packs to vulnerable families across our community
- Support the elderly in local residential homes with letters written by our students and protective equipment donated by our parents.

By the Grace of the Almighty, we would not have been able to do any of this without the passion, selflessness and commitment of our parents. During this very difficult time, we have really appreciated your support.

Although we try our best, there will have been times during the year (and particularly over the past few months) when we made mistakes or caused upset or worry to you or your child. I apologise for any shortcomings and ask for your patience and understanding as we work hard to improve in the future.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please email or call the school.

I wish you a safe and lovely break during the summer. I would also ask for your prayers for the school and that the Almighty protects each of our children and everyone who works tirelessly on their behalf. Aameen.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Riaz
Principal

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2020 - 2021

(All dates are inclusive)

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 1 st September 2020
Re-open on	Wednesday 2 nd
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October 2020
Closure after school on	Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2021

SPRING TERM 2021

Re-open on	Monday 4 th January 2021
Mid Term Closure	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February 2021
Closure after school on	Friday 26 th March 2021
Easter Holiday	Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Re-open on	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day Closure	Monday 3 rd May 2021
‘Eid ul Fitr 1442 * holiday	Thursday 13 th May and Friday 14 th May 2021 *
Mid Term Closure	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June 2021
Closure after school on	Friday 16 th July 2021
(‘Eid ul Adha 1442 *)	(Tuesday 20 th July 2021 *)

* Please note – ‘Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon