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RE: EMERGENCY SAFEGUARDING UPDATE - SCHOOL STATUS - COVID - 19

Assalamualaikum, Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We have previously written to you about the current extraordinary measures that our country and organisations are taking to deal with the phenomenon known as COVID - 19. We have previously highlighted to you that there is a chance that schools will have to close or switch to distant learning modes. On Monday we sent you a SMS and a letter to inform you that School & Nursery will be closed until further notice. Today after considering the below we have decided that the school will not operate according to our usual mode until further notice:

- a) Advice from the DfE (Department of Education)
- b) Advice from Medical experts in our community
- c) Consultation with senior management at Al Khair Foundation and our Croydon Schools
- d) Our primary objective of safeguarding our communities (students, teachers, parents and other members of the wider community)

We have therefore decided on taking the following actions:

- a) We will suspend the usual face to face teaching mode
- b) All parents will be emailed their children's username and password to our new distant learning management system (Showbie). This will facilitate students and parents to communicate efficiently with teachers - about their child's individual learning needs.
- c) All parents will have access to collecting a physical copy of student work as a backup or alternative to our digital learning mode on request. Please email at admin.oldbury@alkhairschool.org.uk
- d) All parents will be emailed a cover letter from their children's individual teachers in due course about what work the students need to complete daily and general advice including safeguarding (e.g. internet safety etc).
- e) Parents will have access to teachers via email or Showbie during their school hours.
- f) Parents who need further help and support will need to email their child's teacher to identify how we could further facilitate them.
- g) The above will be reviewed regularly and if any further changes we will contact you by SMS and letters.
- h) If you have any other **general** enquiries please email admin.oldbury@alkhairschool.org.uk or call the school landline 0121 544 2361.
- i) Teachers will provide feedback to children about their learning and therefore allow students to continue in their educational journey.

We acknowledge this change of mode will be a challenge for us all, however considering the advice from our consultations from a range of specialists we believe our decision is a wise one.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sajad Akram

Headteacher