

10th January 2021

National Lockdown from 5th January to 15th February 2021

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah.

I hope this letter reaches you in the best state of Imaan and Health.

Following the announcement of a new lockdown by the Government, I am writing to inform you that Hafs Academy is also obligated to remain closed for face-to-face teaching sessions to help with the national effort in stopping Coronavirus spreading uncontrollably.

We are disappointed to close in this manner for the time being, and have taken steps to limit the disruption to your child's learning. Our teachers have begun online teaching via 'Google Classroom' and we hope to run a full programme till the end of the lockdown period. All pupils already have accounts set up, however if there are difficulties accessing these services please contact the Deputy Head Ustaz Janyalom (jrahman@hafsacademy.org.uk).

Remote Learning (Year 7 – Year 11)

Now that we will be continuing online, we have created a **dedicated page for instructions, as well as timetables**, on our website. Please carefully read this page for further updates.

Link: <https://hafsacademy.org/online-timetable/online-timetable-2020-2021/>

Non-Engagement with distant learning

We expect all pupils to complete the tasks set by their teachers, and failure to do so will incur disciplinary action. We expect pupils to maintain a high standard of behaviour during online sessions, and any misbehaviour will be dealt with via non-admittance to online sessions. I will implore that all parents have discussions with their child to ensure they engage with the online learning in a timely and appropriate manner. All pupils should follow their normal scheduled timetable. Please note that staff who may not be able to conduct Google Classroom sessions due to illness, will nonetheless set work for pupils and pupils should utilise their time in completing the work set.

Teachers will be setting work on a daily basis on Google Classroom. Pupils also have the ability to message their teachers in a secure manner via Google Classroom or Gmail. We will update our school website with any information we get from the government or exam boards; please check the website regularly. If you have any questions, please call the school for advice.

Notice on GCSE Exams

On Monday 4th January, the Prime Minister indicated that the summer assessments and examinations will not be going ahead as planned. This has left an air of uncertainty around how students will receive their grades.

To ensure that our students are ready for any eventuality, we will assess and store all the work which was done online, carry out formal assessments and regular exam practice which will be used as evidence for their final GCSE grade. It is therefore very important that the students keep working hard in all their lessons, InshaAllah. We will continue to monitor the situations and provide you regular updates accordingly.

In regards to our Mid-Term Exams

Unfortunately, our mid-term exams have again been interrupted. We will endeavour to rectify this upon return to school, however, in the mean time we will continue with teaching and learning which is crucial. Likewise, we will continue to monitor the situations and provide you regular updates accordingly.

Please continue to monitor our website for updates and announcements.

<https://hafsacademy.org/category/important-announcement/>

Kind Regards,

Kazi Hussain

Head

Hafs Academy
