

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Assalamu alaikum,

I hope you and your families are well and in good health. As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few changes moving forward for September.

## Uniform

School uniform has been a growing concern as unfortunately many students are purchasing uniform from different shops (especially the school hijab) and the result is that students do not look as smart as they should. Students are expected to identify themselves with the school and its ethos by wearing the school uniform neatly and without adaptations. The uniform encourages a true sense of community identity. The school's uniform is very distinctive and students wearing it are representing the school. To this end we have updated the school uniform policy (copy attached). Very little has changed in the uniform, but the policy is there to remove any confusion and clarify expectation. Key points have been underlined and written in bold in the policy document.

### Key changes are as follows:

- School hijab with LNS logo is to be purchased from the uniform suppliers.
- PE tracksuit is now plain BLACK not plain grey.
- School PE sports hijab with school logo is to be purchased from the uniform suppliers.
- A BLACK or WHITE underscarf **MUST** be worn with hijab.
- The school hijab must be pinned securely at all times.
- Uniform exemption for students who only wear abaya must be applied for via the school office and if granted, a grey school abaya with school logo must be purchased from the uniform suppliers for daywear and a sports abaya with school logo for PE.
- Only black tights or leggings are to be worn underneath uniform.
- Shirts/blouses must be kept tucked into skirts for the whole school day.

**Any student who comes to school dressed in incorrect school uniform will immediately be given the opportunity to correct their uniform. If this cannot be fixed, students will be sent home to change. We will not be issuing repeated detentions for uniform, we will send students home.**

Parents are expected to give their full unwavering support in maintaining the school's high standard and expectation of dress and the correct wearing of the school uniform. To this end, parents are expected to provide their child with the correct items of clothing for their school uniform and restrict their child from buying incorrect or inappropriate items of clothing. If you have any questions about the uniform, please email Ust Tahira (Behaviour Lead) directly for clarification. Her email address is: [tahira.hadi@ladynafisa.org](mailto:tahira.hadi@ladynafisa.org)

### **School timings**

From September, we have decided to revert to 7 periods in the school day. This means we will finish school at 3:10pm. KS4 will have some lessons (period 8) which finish at 4:00pm. School start time remains at 8:10am.

### **PE**

We are aiming to conduct PE lessons on site next year. Each year group will have PE separately. Over the summer break we hope to have new flooring installed outside as well as fencing for a designated PE area. Students may still go off site to the local field for some lessons (e.g. cross country).

### **Attendance**

This year has been very disruptive due to Covid and school attendance has suffered as a natural consequence. With so much time spent out of school over the last 18 months, we must now work to drive up attendance figures. We are currently in the process of reviewing the Attendance and Punctuality policy but in short, please ensure your daughter only takes time off if she is too sick (e.g. vomiting, fever etc) to attend school. Often students are absent for mild ailments like a headache or tummy upset. You will receive your daughter's attendance figure in the school report but be aware:

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed.

90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school = ½ a school year missed.

**It is suggested that 17 missed school days a year = one GCSE grade drop in achievement.**

### **Academic calendar**

Please find attached the school calendar for 2021-2022

### **Serious safety concern**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, an attempt was made by two men to grab a student from Eden school in Slough. The student refused to enter the van and is safe alhamduillah. We have spoken to

students about this incident and reminded them about how to keep safe. Parents have been urged to reinforce the 'stranger danger rules' which include to:

- never go anywhere with a stranger
- never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger
- never get in a car with a stranger
- never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult
- tell your child it is okay to break the rules if they are in danger
- encourage your child to yell, kick, scream, lie or run away, if they feel they are in danger
- give your child a code word or sign that only you and your child (and another parent/carer) know.
- tell your child to stay with their friends and not to go on their own e.g. to the park on their own.

May Allah(swt) protect and keep safe all our children.

Wasalam

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