



Suffah Primary School

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Dear Parents

Assalamu Alaikum

I pray your child's half term holidays have passed well and they have enjoyed the extra week off.

I would like to welcome everyone back on Monday 28th October and to update you all on a few matters:

1. I have been informed that the boilers have been worked on and they are ready for the winter, Insha Allah.
2. The Air Conditioning/Heating units are all commissioned and running in each classroom now, Masha Allah.
3. After much discussion and deliberation, it has been decided that we will be returning back to our previous Islamic Studies curriculum as it had the least issues.
After the new curriculum was introduced many parents raised concerns and this outweighed the support for the new curriculum from parents who took part in the consultation. A large majority of parents did not take part in the consultation and yet raised strong objections once it was in place. This was a very unfortunate situation and put the school in a difficult predicament. However, we have made the decision to revert back based on what seems to be the general consensus amongst parents.
Let me reassure those parents who opted for the new curriculum that their opinions have not been disregarded, we have simply gone for the majority vote on this occasion. I would also like to point out that this is a very exceptional circumstance. Going forward we will not be able to show such flexibility so I urge all parents to closely follow communication from the school and take part in surveys / consultations to avoid such situations arising again and to prevent the waste of resources.
Going forward the new curriculum will be used to support teaching until the books are all used up. This is a learning curve for myself and all parents who don't read or take the newsletters and communication from the school seriously.
4. In addition to Ustadah Urooj, we will be taking on Hafiz Waqas to support the Quran group in Y3. Insha Allah this will allow the Qaida and Quran groups to have separate teachers focusing on their development.
5. I will continue to monitor and develop the Arabic and Quran teaching during this half term as well and endeavour to get it up to the level that it should be in an Islamic school.

6. We will be conducting the GL Assessments for each class from this half term, Insha Allah.
7. Asr salah will start during school time so it will be offered just before home time, Insha Allah.
8. We have trialled 'Tapestry' software for EYs and Insha Allah we will introduce it fully during this half term. It will give EY's parents access to their child's profile online enabling them to assist their child at home in achieving their EY Learning Goals at home too.
9. The new menu for this half term is attached.
10. Please note there will be some changes to PE days for some classes as we rotate classes with Premier Sports each half term. The timetables for all year groups are attached to this email.

I pray all children will be ready in full school uniform and with their plimsolls and will be on time (7.45am for Rec and Primary and 8.30am for EYs) from Monday.

If there is anything in this email that you would like to discuss further or any other topic, please don't hesitate in contacting me on head@suffahprimaryschool.co.uk.

Kind Regards

Asif Ali
Head Teacher