

Tuesday, 05 January 2021

Dear Parents, Assalamu Alaikum

I pray you are well.

With the Prime Minister's announcement of moving the country into a national lockdown until 19th February, you can still come and collect the resource packs and Chromebooks from school today. Due to the limited number of Chrome books that we have, we had to prioritise the allocation according to the following criterion;

Criterion	How many allocated	Number of Chromebooks given out
More than one child, of which the eldest is in Year 6	All parents who requested a Chrome book and fulfilled the criterion were allocated one	11
More than one child, of which the eldest is in Year 5	All parents who requested a Chrome book and fulfilled the criterion were allocated one	5
More than one child, of which the eldest is in Year 4	All parents who requested a Chrome book and fulfilled the criterion were allocated one	4
More than one child, of which the eldest one is in Year 3	All parents who requested a Chrome book and fulfilled the criterion were allocated one	2
Only child in the school who is in Year 6	All parents who requested a Chrome book and fulfilled the criterion were allocated one	2

Teaching and learning online is a very challenging experience for primary school children and for staff as well. For some of our staff, this will be their first experience and may need some time to overcome some teething issues.

The resource packs were prepared only for the 8 days but as the closure of the school has been prolonged, the teachers will reassess the situation to see if further resource packs will be sent after the initial 8 days or they can provide all the resources online for the pupils to access.

Regarding our Early Years, we decided to keep the setting closed with the school but as the duration of the school closure has extended, we will be asking the Nursery and Reception parents if they would like to send their children if we were to open on the 18th of January as previously planned. Please look out for that email following soon, Insha Allah.

The most important thing for us all to remember is that this lockdown is a test from Allah and it is developing our patience and resilience. What we say and how we behave will be picked up by our children and then may become part of their behaviour and destiny. Allah reassures us twice in Surah Ash-Sharh that after each

hardship there will come an easing of that difficulty. We owe it to ourselves and our children that we can instil this patience in us all when it matters the most.

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

And, behold, with every hardship comes ease:

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verily, with every hardship comes ease!

Ash-Sharh (The Opening Forth) 94:5-6

If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding the online teaching / opening of the school etc, please feel free to email me at head@suffahprimaryschool.co.uk. Reassuring you of the best attention at all times.

Kind regards

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