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Dear Parent / Carer

We have delayed writing out to you as the government advice to schools was being updated on almost a daily basis since the initial announcement to open up schools was made on the 7th May 2020 and we did not want you to receive conflicting messages during these unprecedented times. At Feversham Education Trust we always put the welfare of our pupils, staff and community at the forefront of everything that we do and for that reason we have taken the decision that Iqra Academy will open on the 15th June 2020 if we feel it is safe to do so, for Reception pupils; this will be followed by Year 1 pupils on the 22nd June 2020. We then propose to open to Year 6 pupils from 29th June 2020. A further letter will follow nearer the time to confirm arrangements for each year group.

Free School Meal vouchers for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will cease on 15th June 2020, 22nd June 2020 and 29th June 2020 respectively. The key workers provision that have been attending school during the last 8 weeks will continue. Online learning for those at home will also continue and we will carry on providing food vouchers to those who are entitled to them in those year groups. The information outlined below is for those pupils in Reception and Year 1 and Year 6. The plan has been drawn up using DfE guidelines and will be kept under constant review.

It is necessary that you all realise that Iqra Academy will not be the same place as it was in March when we closed. Our amazing school is going to look and feel very different. We thrive as a school community because we look after one another and care for each other and do our utmost to show our pupils and staff this care, but must now do so under guidelines that does not involve close contact.

Pupils will be placed in 'bubbles' of no more than 15 pupils and allocated a classroom and teacher/teaching assistant which may not necessarily be the classroom or teacher/teaching assistant that they had in March. Pupils will remain in those classrooms for the majority of the school day. These individual bubbles will not mix or interact with each other during the school day. Each bubble will have a restricted part of the school building to remain in, their own entering and leaving routine, their own part of the school yard and their own space to eat their dinner.

Start of the school day

- Gates will open from 8.30am (except for those key worker pupils who already have a different arrival time).
- Reception pupils will enter through the gate on Drummond Road nearest to Carlisle Road. Year 1 pupils will enter through the gates on Drummond Road opposite the Year 5/6 entrance. Further information will follow at a later date.
- Pupils will enter individually at the school gate where members of staff will meet them. Parents must not enter the school grounds and must observe the social distancing rules should there be a queue. Pupils may have their temperature checked with an infra-red thermometer before entering the site. Any pupil with a high temperature will be asked to go home and follow the Governments guidance.
- Pupils will put their coats in the cloakroom then go straight to their classrooms to wash their hands.



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Classrooms

- In the classrooms pupils will sit at desks which adhere to the social distancing guidelines.
- The classrooms will have all unnecessary furniture, equipment and soft furnishings removed.
- The classrooms will be cleaned throughout the day. Bins will be emptied, desks and equipment will be continuously sprayed and wiped throughout the day.
- Pupils will work at their desks, **they will not sit or work in groups**, they will have their own equipment, **they will not be able to share equipment**.
- Staff will not be able to sit next to pupils and provided targeted support in the normal way, pupils will need to become much more independent as learners.
- If PE lessons take place, team sports will not be possible but PE may involve individual activities.
- Pupils will be allocated time each hour during lesson time to wash their hands thoroughly.

Break Time

- Pupils will have an allocated space in the yard to use for themselves at break time and must remain within that allocated space at all times.

Dinner Time

- Meals will be provided and eaten in their classrooms. Packed lunches **are not** to be brought in to school. Please ensure we are notified of any new allergies for your child.

End of School

- School will finish between 2.30pm and 3.30pm and further details will follow.
- School will finish at 12:00pm on Friday to allow the school to be deep cleaned, for staff to review the school week and any training to take place.

General Considerations

- Pupils should wear school uniform and parents must ensure that **clean items** are worn each day.
- Parents should bring any medication for their child in to school when they return. This will remain in school so please ensure you also have a supply for home.
- Parents are not allowed to enter the school site (unless it is an emergency and with prior approval having been sought via a telephone call) or have direct contact with staff (staff can be contacted between 9:00am – 4:00pm via email or calling the school office).
- Pupils will not be required to wear PPE in school but may do so whilst they are travelling to and from school using the school bus or public transport).
- Every room will have antiseptic wipes and hand washing facilities and soap for use should it be necessary.
- Arrangements for pupils who fall ill are in place; pupils who are ill will be isolated and parents contacted to collect their child immediately. You or your child may see the member of staff dealing with them in PPE (personal protective equipment) but shouldn't be alarmed by it as it will be a precautionary measure.

I hope you can appreciate the level of planning that has gone into reopening our school and get a flavour of what the new normal may be like until a vaccination can be found. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

S Anwar-Bleem

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