



1st April 2021 – 18th Shaban 1442

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

If one year ago somebody had told me that ‘stay at home’ and online learning would still very much be our everyday normal 12 months into the future, I don’t think I would have believed them. It’s shocking to think that we have been in this pandemic for over 365 days, especially as we anticipated the first lockdown to be a short 3 week period. However, here we are, and what a journey it has been. I was thrilled to welcome our Boys back in March and have high hopes for their education in the upcoming summer months and beyond. I know I can speak on behalf of all teaching and support staff here at Eden when I say that we have sincerely missed their presence, enthusiasm and smiles in the classroom. Whilst we are not back to complete normality yet, you can sense the optimism and positivity buzzing through our corridors which makes for a wonderful and exciting few months ahead. As we walk into the light at the end of the tunnel that is COVID-19, I want to highlight a few successes of the past term and what we have to look forward to.

The blessed month of Ramadhan will begin during the holiday on 13th April. This will inevitably have an impact on student’s daily routines. In school we are excited to be delivering a series of activities that will help our young people develop in spirituality and grow closer to their faith. Please do encourage your son to get involved in these initiatives.

As always we have continued to fund raise for charities and since February we have raised over £1,000 for comic relief. As part of the Star Academies Trust and its sister charity Shine, we are also requesting your support in meeting the needs of some of the most disadvantaged families in the country during the COVID-19 crisis. Star Academies is one of the country’s highest performing Multi Academy Trust. The trust runs 29 schools across the country in areas including Lancashire, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, the West Midlands and London, serving a total of 20,000 families directly. All the schools are in areas of high deprivation. In addition to helping pupils achieve outstanding results, a strong emphasis is placed on community service, and have for some time been delivering social action projects to address food poverty in local communities through the distribution of food packs. We will contact you again soon to advise how you can help us with this appeal.

The school will be running Easter intervention for students in Year 10 set 3, 4 and 5 as below:

Day and date	Subject	Time
Tuesday 6 th April	Creative iMedia	9am to 3pm
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Wednesday 7 th April	Creative iMedia	9am to 3pm
Thursday 8 th April	Creative iMedia	9am to 3pm

COVID home testing continues over the Easter break. We strongly urge you to ensure your sons continue to test themselves twice weekly, on a Sunday and Tuesday evening, and upload positive, negative and void results to NHS track and trace and the school via <https://bit.ly/3l8CQa4>. If your son has a positive test result he should then take a PCR test. It is particularly important for students to take a COVID test the night before they are due to return to school after the holiday. Please continue to follow the COVID-19 guidelines set by the government. The new rule of 6 has now come into effect, however you should continue to wear face coverings and keep a 2mtr distance.



We have always stressed how important attendance is for our children, this term our attendance has been 98.7%. Now that we are all back in school we ask that you help us to ensure your sons attend school daily so they can progress and have the chance to catch up on any work missed. Please continue to support us and ensure your son has 100% attendance and is punctual arriving to school on time each day.

May we ask parents to ensure your son maintains the highest standards when wearing his uniform. If you have any queries, the Parent Handbook contains a list of the full school uniform. The website for the uniform supplier Stevensons is: www.stevensons.co.uk. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed in School and shoes should also be black with a strong sole, (not trainers).

May I ask that you check your parent pay account during the holiday and ensure that your son has money for his lunch. Please remember to keep your son's lunch account updated with regular payments, however if you have any issues with your Parent Pay account please contact the school.

Please can you make sure to check and sign your son's pupil planners every Thursday on a weekly basis as this will inform you of their progress. Likewise please do keep abreast of your son's equipment checklist to ensure he has the right resources at hand for his classes.

Thank you again for all your support and I wish you all a relaxing Easter break. School will re-open on Monday 19th April at 8am.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Ravat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mrs A Ravat
Executive Principal