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Dear Respected Parents and Carers

Assalamalaikum wa Rahmatullaah wa Barakatu

Alhamdulillah I am delighted to inform you we have made significant inroads in respect to challenging the notification of deregistration from the DfE. The Secretary of State (SoS) has confirmed she has dropped the issue of extremist leaflets found and is prepared to cancel her deregistration order if we can meet all the independent school standards.

What does this mean? The tribunal to challenge the SoS's decision will still go ahead as listed but we will be inspected at any time. The SoS has indicated that this inspection will take place before the end of October 2016.

If our school successfully meets the independent school standards and inshaAllaah we will, the SoS will cancel its deregistration order and the school will be free to remain open Alhamdulillah. If for any reason we do not meet the standards required, the SoS will seek to ratify its decision in the tribunal and a judge will decide between us.

I request that all parents help us by making plenty of dua'a for the school and especially at times when dua'a is more acceptable such as the last third of the night, last hour of Jummuah, after doing good deeds, when it rains etc.

Your support at home is also required to ensure your son is doing the work expected including homework and meeting his targets will go a long way inshaAllaah to improve the quality of education at the school. Also please ensure your son attends school always and on time.

In addition please take note of the following:

Urgent School Maintenance

I am personally requesting parents, students, friends, relatives, neighbours etc to help us on Saturday 1 October 2016 to prepare the school building ready for our upcoming inspection. The school has invested heavily on changes to the school building, new computers, staff training, school resources and many other things and will continue to do so. However we are in need of your help to carry out the following urgent tasks:

1. Removal of weeds from playground
2. Painting of walls and staircases
3. General deep cleaning of premises.

Please remember this is your son's school. Your school fees only go so far to educate your son at our school. We have a joint responsibility to all chip in and roll up our sleeves when required. If you are able to help with any of the above please come to the school at any time from 10am on Saturday and get involved! If you can bring tools like paint brushes, scrapers, hand gloves, protective clothing etc this will be greatly appreciated.

Attendance and Punctuality

Alhamdulillah punctuality in the morning has greatly improved. My thanks to all parents who have been making a special effort to bring their boys to school on time! Also jazakaAllaahkhairan to the boys themselves who have been making an effort every morning.

However, unfortunately we still have two or three boys coming to school late every day. In order to bring this under control also please note students who are late will be issued an automatic 20 minute detention after

school on the same day. A text will be sent home informing you of this if your son is late. However, if your son is a regular late attendee he may receive a detention until 6pm or during lunch.

In addition, I request that all parents ensure their son has plenty of sleep the night before so they can perform to their best abilities whilst at school. As a guideline your son should be in bed by 9pm after praying Salat ul Isha. Late nights for any reason should be avoided during the studying week. I thank all parents in advance for cooperating with this and of course apologise for keeping some students up until 12am this Thursday due to our school trip!

Internet at the School

I wrote two weeks ago to inform you of our intention to connect students to the internet during classes. We are still very committed to making this happen but are having a few issues which we hope to overcome shortly inshaAllaah.

At the time of the proposal we understood that the school was required to safeguard students by having an appropriate filtering system in place, which we do. However, safeguarding standards have now changed this September and we are now responsible for monitoring your son's internet usage fully whilst at the school to ensure they do not access undesirable sites. This requires some sophisticated monitoring software which will need to be renewed by the school on an annual basis. This software will also need to be downloaded onto each device. We are currently in the process of trialling some recognised software in order to make an informed decision which one to buy. However, if any parents are able to offer their expertise regarding this we will be grateful. We hope to purchase a suitable software package by the end of October 2016 inshaAllaah.

Unfortunately our research so far indicates software available cannot be used on android tablets. In addition if the software is downloaded onto iPad tablets it takes over the internet server (Safari) which then prevents the usage of any apps downloaded. This therefore limits the use of the iPad at home. As such we recommend students to purchase / use notebooks as these are not adversely effected by the monitoring software and therefore there will be no issues using them both at home and school. We are happy to arrange purchase of second hand notebooks at a cost of £40 per machine. Once the school has purchased and installed the necessary software we will inform you so your sons can make use of the internet in the classrooms. JazakaAllaahkhairan for your patience with this.

Online Safety Training for Parents

This took place last Monday 26 September 2016 at 4.45pm. However, no parent attended which was unacceptable and highly embarrassing for both the school and the facilitator. We have a responsibility in front of Allaah to protect our children. I will be arranging another session inshaAllaah in due course and make dua'a we get a better response.

Coffee Morning / Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

This took place this morning with a modest turnout. I am very disappointed at this. As a headteacher I want to develop strong parent-school partnerships and the coffee morning is a great platform to start this. We make dua'a that the attendance next time is better. If the timing or day was inconvenient and you feel a different time is more suitable then please do not hesitate to email me your suggestions.

Key Stage 3 English Teacher Vacancy

Unfortunately, we are still looking to fill a vacancy for KS3 English. Alhamdulillah all KS3 English lessons will be taken by Ustadh Azmol until we find a suitable replacement inshaAllaah. If you know anyone who is suitably qualified and available to fill this vacancy, then please spread the word and ask them to apply.

JazakaAllaahkhairan.

Wasalam



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