



Dear Parents

Monday 29th March 2021

Assalamalaikum Wa Rahmathulahi Wa Barakathuhu

We would like to thank parents for their ongoing support which has meant that our attendance has not been too badly affected this term due to the current pandemic. I am writing to bring your attention to the following:

- **Easter Break dates**

On **Wednesday 31st March 2021** Students will be finishing School at **their normal end of day staggered times from 2.45pm – 3.05pm**. Please make sure they are collected at the correct time. School will start as normal on **Monday 19th April 2021** at 8.15am. Please be aware all Covid19 safety measures will still be in place upon return. If there are any changes, we will email you and post updates on our website during the break.

- **Letter to children and young people from the Secretary of State for Education**

The Secretary of State for Education has written to children and young people to recognise the impact of the disruption they have faced over the past year and to thank them for their resilience. He outlines his continued commitment to supporting children and young people to recover from the disruption now that they have returned to school and college. The letter also highlights the importance of coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and the vital role this plays in helping to prevent the virus spreading. For a copy of the letter please go to the following link: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

- **Testing and contact tracing in schools and colleges over the Easter holidays**

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Students should:

- continue to test twice a week at home (all those who are able to)
- report positive, negative or void results using the [report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result](#) portal
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back to find and isolate any positive cases

For the purposes of contact tracing students, parents and carers need only inform the school of a positive case if the symptoms develop within 2 days of being in school or they have tested positive with a lateral flow device (LFD) test (and will subsequently need to book a confirmatory PCR test). If symptoms develop after 2 days, you do not need to inform the school. If we are made aware of a positive case that affects your child we will notify you of the days your child is expected to self-isolate by either email or text.

Where students test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays using an LFD test more than 2 days since being in the school, you will only need to inform the school if you will still be self-isolating when School returns from Monday 19th April.

The school can be contacted via email on info@boltonislamicgirlsschool.org.uk or please send a text to our school mobile on [07508 512638](tel:07508512638).

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- Please ensure all fees for this term is paid by **31st March 2021**, otherwise we will have no choice but to impose a £25 extra late fee. If parents are having difficulties with payments, they must inform school admin ASAP so that we can try and come to a payment plan arrangement.

A humble request for dua from everyone as Ramadhan also approaches us now and we pray that this will be a safe and blessed Ramadhan for all. May Allah continue to give sabr to those who will have to cope with the loss of loved ones during this time and enable us all to understand and gain the maximum blessings of these auspicious days.

Kind Regards

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