

Sadiq Public School

Do the right, fear no man.

June 12th, 2020

Dear Parents and Students

This notification is to give Parents and Students an update on School matters.

School remains closed until July 16th

The Principal and Accounts staff may be in school for limited days/hours to collect fees and pay salaries. These are the government instructions. Within these constraints and wherever possible we will try, often working from home, to meet various requests such as issuing Hope Certificates, textbooks etc., but I request all parents and students to understand that the government has imposed these restrictions for everyone's health and safety. It is my hope that classes will resume immediately after Eid al-Azha. This will allow us to complete a normal 180-day school year (with lessons on Monday to Saturday), but of course, this is subject to government decisions.

Exam results

The School has submitted the information requested by CAIE and we understand that results will be made available in the usual and at the usual date. Please do not ask School staff what information has been sent to CAIE as it is confidential. Matriculation/Intermediate results will be published by the Bahawalpur Board in due course.

Admissions

Already we have received a record number of admission applications for the coming term – and this is without even advertising. Thanks to the work of our Admissions and IT Department staff we are well on our way to making our admissions process completely online. This was a project planned for next year but has been brought forward due to the C-19 situation. A notification will be published soon.

The Covid-19 situation

Thank you to all of the parents and students who have written emails expressing their support for the school community during this anxious time. As has always been the case, our concern is for students' mental well-being. I trust all students are engaging in relaxation activities, not worrying about school work (we have this under control), and learning to be kind to and tolerant of those in their immediate families.

To those who feel they should be doing preparatory school work, you do not need to because we have plans for a complete school year. You could, if you want, review <u>last</u> year's school work to fill in all the gaps to be sure you are well-prepared for your coming school year. You could use the videos on sabaq.pk to help, but only if you really want to. Read well-written books, watch cheerful movies, talk nicely with your family members, don't watch sensationalist TV news, get plenty of sleep, tidy your room!

A few days ago I looked again at one of the many 'Covid-19 Alert' posters we posted around the School in early March. The precautions and advice given then still apply now: (1) stay away from other people, (2) wash your hands frequently with soap (this is more effective than hand sanitiser), and (3) if you develop symptoms (which you won't if you have followed the two previous advisories) contact a medical professional. In countries and communities that have followed these very simple procedures, Covid-19 has been eliminated/managed and life has returned to normal. We all must play our part to help life return to normal here in Pakistan. Just like cricket – if we play as a team, our whole team will win.

Mr Peter Giddens Principal