



Wednesday September 29th 2021

Dear Parents,

We are currently preparing for a return to full-time face-to-face learning from **Sunday 3rd October**. At present we have 2300 students who have already returned to daily face-to-face learning meaning that from Sunday 3rd October the remaining 400 will also be joining us back on campus. KHDA guidelines have mandated that all students are to be back learning face to face and that **Distance Learning will no longer be available**. KHDA protocols can also be found on our [webpage](#) under the parent tab.

Let me break down some of the main points:

- From the **3rd of October** KHDA guidelines have mandated that all students are to be back face to face and **Distance Learning will no longer be available**.
- **Social distancing will remain at 1m**. This means we can have all the students back in the classrooms. Sadly, it looks like the classrooms when I went to school, all in rows, however we have you back and that's exciting.
- All parents that want to **enter the school** need to provide a **valid PCR test** or show that they have **been vaccinated**. So please get yourself vaccinated.

There will be instances when families ask to continue with distance learning, or when schools are required to provide it. **Distance learning may be offered in specific circumstances** only. These are:

1. A student has a **medical condition** which prevents them from accessing face-to-face learning. In this case, the student must provide a medical certificate from Dubai Health Authority, stating the reason they cannot attend school.
2. A student is **outside of the UAE** and is unable to return due to international Covid restrictions. In this case, the student must provide a certificate from the relevant government authority as applicable.
3. A student has **tested positive for Covid-19** or has been identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19. In this case, the student must have the appropriate certificate from Dubai Health Authority.

Please note that in case of point 3 the school will require 24 hours' notice to bring Distance Learning online for any student that has tested positive. Thankfully rapid testing now takes less than 24 hours in many places as a positive test will need to be provided to the school to enable us to activate Distance Learning.

We hope this provides some clarity and enables a smooth transition to full face-to-face learning.

Sincerely,

Lachlan MacKinnon
CEO/Principal