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TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN TO PREPARE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

- It is natural for your child to feel anxious or nervous about returning to school. If this is the case, encourage them to talk about it and ensure them the school is a safe place.
- Your child is already familiar with wearing a mask, social distancing and sanitizing their hands and SRS will ensure that this continues at school.
- At home, continuously 'check in' with your child to evaluate their well-being when school begins.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PREPARATION SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SRS is offering face to face learning (campus instruction):

- Class instruction combined with online practice
- Online exploration followed by in-class discussion

Distance learning is provided in special cases.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- It is mandatory for all children of school-going age to be enrolled in school for Academic Year 2020/2021.
- SRS will provide distance learning for students who have a medical reason for not being physically present on campus.
- If you traveled, please ensure that you are present in the UAE for the school reopening date and that your child has a negative COVID19 test result. Please ensure you complete the travel declaration and return to the school clinic.

SAFETY FIRST - HEALTH AND HYGIENE ARRANGEMENTS

- SRS will carry out general cleaning and disinfection every 24 hours as per SRS Standards.
- SRS will provide hand washing or hand sanitizing stations in key locations around the school premises and on the school bus.
- All classrooms will have hand washing facilities or hand sanitisers
- High-contact surfaces such as light switches, handrails, doorknobs, toilet seats etc. will be cleaned and disinfected **every hour**.
- SRS has a full medical team on the premises and a quarantine room for students or staff members who experience a sudden onset of COVID-19 symptoms.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH & SAFETY

- As per KHDA rules and regulations your child will be required to wear a mask if they are older than 6 years. If your child should struggle with this, encourage them to speak to their teacher and ask for help.
- If your child is unable to wear a mask, they may be allowed to wear a face shield if supported by a medical certificate

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Students will be expected to stay **1.5m** apart at all times in classrooms and **2m** in all other areas.
- Secondary students' movement will be limited within their building.
- Younger children who find it difficult to maintain social distancing in FS1, FS2 and Year 1 will be grouped into 'bubbles'. A 'bubble' is a stable group of students

ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL

- Parents will **not be allowed on the school premises** except to visit reception in the main campus for school business between **8.30 and 2.00pm**
- There will be designated student drop off areas in the Infant School entrance only - 10 minutes maximum and **2m** social distancing rules being followed when entering and exiting.
- Only **one** parent/guardian can accompany children to the outside areas **four (4)** at the student entrances (Years 4 to 13).
- Non-contact temperature screening will take place on entering through the school gates and in the main building reception.
- Students entering will maintain a **2m** distance from other students.
- Each family will be provided with a colour coded map to support safe entry and exit from school daily. Please support us by following these maps and timings.

BUSES

- Buses will operate at 50% of their capacity, and children will be required to maintain a safe distance while on the bus. Children will be assigned seats on the bus for the duration of the term.
- Temperature checks will happen before boarding the bus and children with elevated body temperature (37.5 and above) will not be allowed on the bus.

CLASS SIZES AND GROUPING

- All classrooms will be set out to accommodate social distancing requirements **1.5m** and children will be assigned fixed seats for the term.
- To minimize exposure to others, your child will remain in this group until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In FS and Year 1, students will be in 'Bubbles'.
- If your child uses the school bus, they will also be part of a fixed 'bus group' within the classroom so that their exposure to other children is minimised.

OPTIMISING SCHOOL FACILITIES

- The school will minimize sharing of items such as toys and educational equipment and these will be sanitized between use.
- Areas such as gymnasiums, libraries and cafeterias will be used with social distancing.

RECREATION, LUNCH & BREAK TIMES

- Please provide your child with a water bottle, packed lunch and snack every day.
- Physical education (non-contact sports and games) will be delivered however swimming will not be possible this term or until further notice.

MAINTAINING QUALITY OF LEARNING: SUPPORT FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING

- SRS will offer sessions for children on a range of topics: cyber safety, dealing with loss and/or bereavement, anxiety etc. to support them in navigating these challenging times.

CLOSING THE LEARNING GAP

- SRS will carry out student learning evaluations to ensure that any learning gaps from term 3, last academic year are identified and addressed to meet each individual student's needs.
- SRS will be repeating the curriculum taken during the distance learning in term 3, academic year 2019/2020 and carrying out student learning evaluations to identify areas where children need additional support to overcome any learning loss experienced during online learning and the summer holiday.

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL

- They will immediately be moved to the **quarantine/isolation room**, where they will be monitored by a School Doctor and Clinic team.
- To protect your child is important that parents take their temperature at home every day and if they have a fever or are sick they should stay at home. Please inform the school clinic immediately.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, you are mandated to inform the school so that they can take measures to secure the health of other students and staff who may have been exposed to the virus.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION

- You will receive regular communication through weekly newsletters, text-message updates or emails. All feedback welcome!
- Meetings and discussions with teachers and administration must be done remotely.
- Where necessary, parents are welcome to meeting with senior leaders or their child's teachers in the main reception meeting rooms by appointment only **after 3.15pm**.

