



4th August 2020

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

I hope that you and your children are enjoying a well-deserved break, safely at home!

It has been a challenging year for everyone, but no matter what the challenge is, we have been able to face it together with optimism. I want to say a big thank you to our wonderful parents, for your unwavering support through these challenging times. I am humbled and fortunate to be the Principal of such a reputed school.

In our continued efforts to keep you- our parents, updated about plans for the next academic year, I would like to let you know about some new developments. As you are aware, KHDA has announced the re-opening of schools in September and has invited schools to propose a model. However, the opening is subject to strict protocols for the safety of students and teachers.

Face-to-Face contact with teachers is an essential part of learning. At the same time, safety of students is of utmost importance. Keeping these points in mind, the Senior Leadership Team, after consultation with the Parent Council has proposed a model to provide the best solution for schooling to your children – our students. At the heart of this model is our Students well-being.

The model proposed by Al Diyafah High School, Dubai, is a blended form of schooling – i.e. some days of the week on campus at half capacity and some days will be online classes, as has been the norm last term. Overall, all students will have 5 days per week of schooling split into regular and online classes.

The model aims to give opportunities for all students in Years 2-13, to attend on-campus instruction two days of the week and distance learning education for three days of the week. For FS and Year 1, the students will have one day of on-campus instruction and four days of Distance Learning. However, this model is subject to KHDA approval and the prevailing conditions in September.

There are strict protocols for accessing the school for students, parents and teachers. Buses are allowed to operate at up to 50% capacity. We will follow the protocols as laid out by KHDA. Please read the protocols by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.khda.gov.ae/CMS/WebParts/TextEditor/Documents/Schools-Reopening-Protocol-En.pdf>

Please note that the start of the school year for all students will be 1st September 2020, however the physical classes on campus will be staggered for different year groups as follows:

Years 3-6 will resume on 1st September 2020

Years 7-13 will resume on 8th September 2020 and will start distance learning for the first week i.e 1st of September

FS2 – Year 2 will resume on 15th September 2020, and they will be on distance learning mode for the first two weeks starting the 1st of September

The timetable below will help you understand the model.

PROPOSED BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN 2020-21

* EACH CLASS IN FS AND YEAR 1 WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS- GROUP 1, 2 & 3. FS2 WILL HAVE THREE GROUPS OF 8, 8 AND 9 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE YEAR 1 WILL HAVE 10 EACH.

* EACH CLASS IN YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6 WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS- GROUP 1 & GROUP 2. EACH GROUP WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF 15 STUDENTS.

DAY	ON-CAMPUS LEARNING			DISTANCE LEARNING		
	EARLY YEARS (FS and YEAR 1)	PRIMARY (YEARS 2 - 6)	SECONDARY (YEARS 7 -13)	EARLY YEARS (FS and YEAR 1)	PRIMARY (YEARS 2 - 6)	SECONDARY (YEARS 7 -13)
SUNDAY	GROUP 1	GROUP 1	YEARS 7 , 9 & 11	GROUPS 2 &3	GROUP 2	YEARS 8, 10, 12 & 13
MONDAY	GROUP 2	GROUP 2	YEARS 8, 10 & 12	GROUPS 1 & 3	GROUP 1	YEARS 7, 9, 11 & 13
TUESDAY	GROUP 3	GROUP 1	YEARS 12 & 13	GROUPS 1 & 2	GROUP 2	YEARS 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11
WEDNESDAY		GROUP 2	YEARS 7, 9 & 11	GROUPS 1,2 & 3	GROUP 1	YEARS 8, 10, 12 & 13
THURSDAY			YEARS 8, 10 & 13	GROUPS 1,2 & 3	GROUPS 1 & 2	YEARS 7, 9, 11 & 12

CHANGES TO CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENTS

Foundation Stage (FS2) and Year 1

- Seating plan will maintain a 1.5 m gap
- The head count capacity in classrooms will be reduced by dividing each of the FS and Year 1 class into three sub-groups.
- Teacher student ratio in FS2 will be 1:8, 1:8 and 1:9 respectively in each of the three groups
- Teacher student ratio in Year 1 will be 1:10, 1:10 and 1:10 respectively in each of the three groups.
- Students will be kept in 'stable' groups of 10 or below and this space will not be accessed by students outside the stable group. The groups will not be mixed during the day, or on subsequent days.
- Students will be given a designated table and chair and no swapping seats among students will be permitted.
- One teacher will be assigned to each learning group and they will stay with the same group during the day and on subsequent days.

Primary- Years 2-6

- Seating plan will maintain a 1.5 m gap.
- The head count capacity in classrooms will be reduced by dividing each of the classes from Years 2-6 into two sub-groups of 15 each.
- The teacher student ratio will be 1:15 for each of the two groups.
- Students will be in their same learning groups at all times and groups are not mixed.
- Students will be given a designated table and chair and no swapping seats among students will be permitted.

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- The time -table design for face -face delivery will be such that the students will not be required to move out of their designated place. Hence, the focus will be on core subjects while on campus.
- For curriculums involving rotation, students will remain in their designated classrooms, while teachers rotate.
- For subjects like Arabic A and B, Islamic Studies and MFL where student movement is involved a Distance Learning approach will be used.

Secondary

- Seating plan will maintain a 1.5 m gap
- The head count capacity in classrooms will be reduced by dividing each of the classes from Years 7-13 into two sub-groups of 15 each
- In exceptional cases, particularly, where division of class into groups of 15 is not possible due to the subject blocks, bigger spaces in the school will be used making sure the distancing of 1.5 m is followed.
- The teacher student ratio will be 1:15 except in certain groups in Years 10 to 13 where bigger rooms will be used.
- Students will be given a designated table and chair. In case of students moving into a different class, all sanitation processes as highlighted in the protocol will be followed.
- The time -table design for face -face delivery will ensure minimal movement.
- Adaptations to the curriculum and timetable will be done to minimize the circulation of students and the mixing of students outside of a class cohort.

We also ask that you complete the survey that will be sent shortly regarding your feedback on this model. This will help us plan better in the coming weeks. Rest assured all health and safety protocols are underway in school now, so we are well prepared to welcome the children back in September.

Thank you,

Have a good day!

Yours truly,

Neetha Shetty
Principal

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