



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AL WAKRA CAMPUS

Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.

Dear parents,

I am writing to you with an update on our preparations for our students to return to school for the beginning of the new academic year on 1st September 2020. Senior teachers have remained in Qatar over the summer to ensure that we are able to put together plans which are right for our communities and which will enable our students to receive a world class education in a safe and well-managed environment. Our plans will adhere to guidance provided to all schools by our Ministry of Education (MoEHE) in Qatar, the details of which are as follows:

Stage 1: Tuesday 01.09.20 – Thursday 03.09.20

The following year groups will be on site on the following days from 07.30 – 10.30:

Tuesday 01.09.20	Wednesday 02.09.20	Thursday 03.09.20
Year 10	Year 6	Year 3
Year 9	Year 5	Year 2
Year 8	Year 4	Year 1
Year 7		Reception
Pre-School (Home Visits Via Video)	Pre-School (Home Visits Via Video)	Pre-School (Home Visits Via Video)

A schedule for pre-school home visits will be communicated separate to this letter by Mr Braithwaite, our Head of Primary.

Stage 2: Sunday 06.09.20 – Thursday 17.09.20

The following two-week rotational system will be in place each day from 07.15 – 12.30:

Week 1: 06.09.20 – 10.09.20		Week 2: 13.09.20 – 17.09.20	
In school	Online	In school	Online
10D	5D	5D	10D
9D	5B	5B	9D
8D	4D	4D	8D
8B	4B	4B	8B
7D	3D	3D	7D
7B	3B	3B	7B
6D	2D	2D	6D
6B	2B	2B	6B
RecD	1D	1D	RecD
RecB	1B	1B	RecB
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Timetable of the school day for primary and secondary school students during stage 2

7.15 - 7.30	7.35 -8.25	8.30-9.20	9.20-9.40	9.45-10.35	10.40-11.30	11.35-12.25
Form	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5

For larger classes, groups will be split into more than one classrooms with other teachers and senior leaders used to deliver lessons. This will allow us to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between students in class, as per MoEHE requirements. Students will be following their normal school timetable during this stage.

Stage 3: Sunday 20.09.2 All students in all year groups to return to full on-site learning each day.

In addition to the plan outlined above, we will also ensure that the following strategies are implemented and adhered to at all times:

Hygiene routines:

In line with governmental guidelines, all adults and students over the age of 12 years old must show a green Ehteraz status if they are to enter our school site. Temperature checks will also take place upon entry and hygiene teams will ensure that surfaces are cleaned and disinfected throughout the day. All adults will wear a face mask during the day and parents should also provide their children with masks to wear in school. Teachers and other professionals will ensure that frequent hand-washing and other hygiene measures take place over the course of the school day.

As well as our normal nurse's station, we will have an additional care area in place where students will be looked after if they fall ill during the school day. If this happens, we will ensure that the correct MoPH procedures are followed in terms of supporting those affected and communicating with families.

Entry/exit to the school site:

Entry to and from our school site for students will be staggered and will take place via designated drop-off and pick-up points, which we will communicate to all members of our community nearer the start of the academic year. This aspect of our plan is aimed to ensure that we avoid large crowds of people arriving and leaving our school at the same time. Students will go straight to classrooms upon arrival at school where they will be welcomed by their teachers.

Break/lunch arrangements:

Due to the timings in place for stages 1 & 2, there will be no lunchtimes during this period. Students are also not encouraged to bring snacks during this period, although pre-filled, named water bottles can be brought on site and used by each individual student only.

Further details regarding break and lunchtime arrangements during stage 3 will be communicated in due course, but in the meantime we can confirm that break and lunch times during each day will also be staggered so that students are kept apart from large crowds of other students from outside of their year groups. Designated areas will be used to ensure that students are able to enjoy being with their friends whilst also keeping safe. A selection and grab-and-go snacks will be available from our canteen, although we would encourage all students to bring their own packed lunch with them to school each day, as well as a pre-filled water bottle.

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Resources:

Students should also ensure that they don't share any resources with other students during the school day – pens, pencils, rulers and other equipment should be kept in a named pencil case and students should only bring what they need for each day's lessons. Lockers will not be available in September and large bags should be kept at home. If students have personal devices, such as smartphones, then they must be kept securely in pockets all day and not used at all during school hours.

Students should wear their normal school uniforms each day apart from days when they have PE when they should wear their PE kits instead. We will not be using our changing rooms until the current pandemic is behind us.

Classrooms:

Where possible, students will remain in the same classroom and on the same seat all day so that movement around our corridors is kept to a minimum. When students do move around the school site, there will be arrows on the floor to indicate that students must keep to the right at all times and the direction in which they must move. In lessons, students will sit safely apart from each other and the teacher will lead the learning from the front of the room. All lessons will also be available via Zoom so that students who are not able to attend on a particular day are able to keep up-to-date with courses.

I hope that the measures that we will be putting in place will offer the necessary assurance to our community that we will do everything we can at all times to ensure both the continued academic excellence and the health and safety of our students. Our temporary strategies will be present for as long as this global situation is upon us and we will constantly review and adapt what we do so that our provision is the best that it can be. In order to ensure that all strategies are understood and accepted by all members of our community we have updated our [Home School Agreement](#) to include references to our new COVID19 health & safety measures; I would ask that all parents familiarise themselves thoroughly with all steps that we need to take on a daily basis. As is always the case, should any members of our school community wish to discuss any aspects of this plan then they are welcome to contact me or other senior teachers directly.

Yours sincerely,



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