



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

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25 August 2020

Dear parents,

In line with last week's announcement by colleagues at the Ministry of Education (MOEHE), please see below the plan which will enable DBS Wakra students to take part in a blended model of education both at school and learning online at home. Our plan covers the key elements clarified by MOEHE colleagues, which are as follows:

- Only 30% of students will be allowed on the school site at each day
- A combination of online and in school learning will be implemented
- Online learning will take place on the days when students do not attend school
- Students can only attend the school premises up to three times a week
- A maximum of 15 students permitted in a classroom

Furthermore, MOEHE officials have made it clear that online learning from home for students should take place in the following format:

- 6 sessions per day, each lasting between 15-20 minutes
- Pre-recorded lessons should be provided for students

For the first three days of the new academic year (from Tuesday 01.09.20 – Thursday 03.09.20), students should attend for the reduced hours of 07.30 – 10.30 and on only one day per week, as follows:

Tuesday 01.09.20	Wednesday 02.09.20	Thursday 03.09.20
Year 10 – arrive at 07.20 via main entrance; leave at 10.40 via main entrance	Year 7 – arrive at 07.20 via main entrance; leave at 10.40 via main entrance	Year 4 – arrive at 07.20 via main entrance; leave at 10.40 via main entrance
Year 9 – arrive at 07.30 via Al-Meera entrance; leave at 10.30 via Al-Meera entrance	Year 6 – arrive at 07.30 via Al-Meera entrance; leave at 10.30 via Al-Meera entrance	Year 3 – arrive at 07.30 via Al-Meera entrance; leave at 10.30 via Al-Meera entrance
Year 8 – arrive at 07.30 via main entrance; leave at 10.30 via main entrance	Year 5 – arrive at 07.30 via main entrance; leave at 10.30 via main entrance	Year 2 – arrive at 07.30 via main entrance; leave at 10.30 via main entrance

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Pre-School (Home Visits Via Video)	Pre-School (Home Visits Via Video)	Pre-School (Home Visits Via Video) Rec/Y1 Transition sessions/re-meet the teacher.
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Clearly, it is of vital importance that we maintain social distancing during exit and entry times to school, so parents are urged to ensure that the drop-off and pick-up arrangements outlined above are adhered to strictly.

From Sunday 06.09.20, we will implement the following two-week plan, which will allow all students to have five days of in-school learning and five days of online learning each fortnight:

On site learning	Week one			Week Two		
	Primary		Secondary	Primary		Secondary
Sunday	EYFS Group 1	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7	EYFS Group 1	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10
Monday	EYFS Group 1	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	EYFS Group 1	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7
Tuesday	EYFS Group 2	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7	EYFS Group 2	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10
Wednesday	EYFS Group 2	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	EYFS Group 2	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7
Thursday		Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10		Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7

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Online learning	Week one			Week Two		
	Primary		Secondary	Primary		Secondary
Sunday	EYFS Group 2	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	EYFS Group 2	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7
Monday	EYFS Group 2	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7	EYFS Group 2	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10
Tuesday	EYFS Group 1	Year 3 Year 4	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	EYFS Group 1	Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6	Year 7
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Again, I would ask that parents adhere strictly to the following drop-off and pick-up schedule each day so that we can ensure social distancing and the safety of our community. Where there is reference made to the 'chess board', this is an area in our main entrance foyer where parents, nannies or drivers will be allocated a space in which to stand upon arrival and where they must wait for their child to be delivered to them by a teacher. This strategy will be used for our primary students, with our secondary students (apart from Year 9 and Year 10, who will arrive a little earlier and leave a little later) entering and exiting via the gate near to Al-Meera. Parents are not allowed to enter the main part of our school at any time and they will not be able to move from these 'chess board' places during the current COVID19 situation. We have created the 'chess board' area to prevent congestion and crowding outside of our school building and to ensure that our community is kept safe from both the coronavirus and the dangers presented by traffic on the road.

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Entry and exit times				
Year group	Entry time	Entry point	Exit time	Exit point
EYFS	07.15	Main entrance	11.00	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 1	07.05	Main entrance	12.45	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 2	06.55	Adventure playground entrance	13.40	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 3	06.45	Adventure playground entrance	13.10	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 4	06.55	Emergency staircase	13.20	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 5	06.45	Emergency staircase	13.30	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 6	06.55	Al-Meera entrance	13.40	Main entrance (chess board)
Year 7	06.45	Al-Meera entrance	13.30	Al-Meera entrance
Year 8	06.45	Al-Meera entrance	13.30	Al-Meera entrance
Year 9	06.55	Main entrance	13.40	Main entrance
Year 10	06.45	Main entrance	13.30	Main entrance

An updated home-school agreement, which now includes specific reference to COVID19 strategies and procedures, was sent to parents last week. As part of this agreement, we expect secondary aged students to be able to display a green Ehteraz status on a personal device (if they have one) upon entry to school and also that they should wear face masks in all areas. Primary students are not required to wear face masks, but parents are welcome to provide their children with appropriate protective equipment should they wish. All students will have their temperature taken upon arrival to school each day.

In addition, students of all ages should ensure that they only bring with them what they need for each day. No large bags with unnecessary items should be carried throughout the school or left in classrooms. Each student should use only their own equipment in lessons and we will not be sending books home with students at the end of each day. On a normal school day, students should wear their usual DBS school uniform unless they have a PE lesson on that day, in which case they should come in and leave in their PE kit. Students may bring a pre-filled and clearly

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named water bottle with them as well as a healthy snack and for lunches we would ask parents to provide packed lunches in secure containers.

I hope that this information makes clear to you how our plan for the beginning of the new academic year will work for our DBS Wakra community. We would all prefer, clearly, for this pandemic to be over and for normality to resume but it is essential that we balance our desires against the needs of our wider national and global society for the time being. As is always the case, I am happy for any parents who wish to contact me directly to discuss any aspect of this plan to do so via my DBS Wakra email address.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.

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