



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOLS

This email is for parents of pupils and students in Doha British Schools.

10th August 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to welcome back all returning families and to extend a warm welcome to all new families. We are all aware of the very difficult and challenging times we are going through. Covid-19 is still with us but in a much more controllable way than in the recent past. Having said that, we will never be complacent, we will always be vigilant and we will always place the health, safety, welfare and well-being of your children as our highest priority. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has specified the conditions that all schools must comply with upon re-opening on September 1st, 2020. I will provide you with some outline information and the Principals of both Ain Khaled and Wakra branches will follow this up with more detailed plans and guidelines. Our phased re-opening will be in 3 stages as follows:

Stage	Dates and times	Purpose
1	Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd Sept. from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. Pupils and students can arrive from 7:00 am to register no later than 7:30 am.	This time will be used to induct, assimilate and train pupils and students in the new safety rules and conditions that will impact on their everyday life at school. Only 33% of all pupils will be on site during these 3 days. You will be notified in a follow up message when your child or children will be in attendance.
2	Sunday 6th to Thursday 17th Sept. from 7.15 am to 12:30 pm. Pupils and students can arrive from 6:45 am to register no later than 7:15 am.	50% of pupils on site at any one time. All pupils will receive 5 guided learning hours per day. Some will be in-school and some online. You will be advised about the details by respective Principals.
3	Sunday 20th Sept then as per published calendar. Normal school timings (7:30 am to 1:30 pm unless otherwise instructed by the MoEHE.) Pupils and students to arrive no later than 7:10 am for registration.	Our plan is to revert to normal timings and lessons from September 20th. This will be the case unless we are otherwise directed by the MoEHE.

The school has adopted strict conditions about entry and exit to and from the sites. We have also implemented a significant range of enhanced safety measures throughout the school. The Principals of both schools will be following up this message with details about those protocols and what you and your children will have to comply with to ensure the safest environment for teaching and learning.

It is imperative that the school gets back to normal as soon as possible. This is very much in the interests of the whole school community but, in particular, the interests of your children. I reiterate, the health, safety, welfare and well-being of your children is our highest priority.

It must be acknowledged that circumstances can change quite quickly. We are optimistic that the measures we have put in place will support the reopening of the school. Should the situation change, we will be in a position to respond accordingly.

The school will be functioning as per the directives outlined above. Some parents may decide to delay the return of their children. Whilst we would understand that, we would strongly advise that all children return to school as indicated above. I must also advise you that payment of fees is a prerequisite for securing your son and/or daughter's place at the school. We will guarantee the highest standard of teaching and learning, whatever the circumstances. As such we must meet our commitments to all teachers and support staff. Fees are an annual commitment but are paid in three instalments as per the schedule of payments you are provided with. Should you have any issues regarding fee payment, please consult with our Finance Office.

Sincerely,

Terry McGuire
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Doha British Schools