



EMIRATES FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Circular to all Parents: E-learning procedure and other details

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Dear Parents,

Hope you all are in good health. The entire world is facing a completely unprecedented crisis due to the spread of the Novel Corona Virus. Social distancing, one of the key components in the fight with this virus, is creating a challenging situation for our social institutions. Schools as prominent social institutions are not going to remain unaffected by it. We believe that this is the time to not just deal with the current emergency, but also build foundations of resilience to face such difficult events in the future.

It's the beginning of a new academic session, but with academic days getting lost, you may be wondering how you will catch up when the country overcomes the present situation. The lockdown is building new arteries within homes; families are rediscovering their bonds and connections; they are making renewed efforts to do things that they enjoy together as a family. Therefore, how about considering this challenge as an opportunity to shift focus from 'schooling only at schools' to 'School-Home collaboration for learning'.

Teaching and learning can also continue with the help of comprehensive digital learning platforms focused on providing curriculum linked and curated content. This will also help in minimizing the impact of the present situation on the learning and development of our students and ensure easy access of contextualized e-resources.

We would like to caution at this stage that while technology will be required to be used by the child for learning, at the same time, parents should aware about the misuse / misinterpretation of information in certain sites that can induce possible distress in children because of exposure to age inappropriate content. Similarly, take measures to ensure the privacy of your students and protecting their data before giving any suggestions for browsing.

Due to the current situation, we will be unable to reopen the school on 13th April, 2020.

E-learning classes will start from 13th April, 2020 as instructed by ADEK.

We understand that this might be confusing and that the parents may face some challenges but we would want to reassure you that our teaching staff have come up with improvised and effective techniques for distance education. We would furthermore ask our students to maintain a continuous understanding and affinity with their teachers to achieve maximal utility from this E learning technique.

- 1. E-Learning Classes:** Our teachers are working hard to make the learning process from home, close to classroom learning for our students. We have opted Google classroom as the e-learning platform, as it is easier for the students to access for classes KG to Gr 8. We are also following Virtual class room for Grades 9 to 12. We request our parents to monitor their wards online class schedule. Attendance is compulsory for all the students. A **Google classroom tutorial** will be uploaded on the website/portal for better understanding. The names of the teachers, classes and timetables will be uploaded in the school portal.
- 2.** Please note that the **text books and notebooks** cannot be distributed now, as ADEK has strictly asked schools not to have any paper exchange in school. A courier company is arranged by ADEK for the distribution of books to the students who pay for the books to their respective home for a nominal fee.
- 3. First term school fee:** Parents are requested to pay the first term school fee through online or at school accounts office with prior appointment on or before 15th April 2020. Students cannot join the online classes after 15th April if the payment is not done. (Accounts office working hours : 9 am to 1 pm)
For appointment contact: Mr. Antony -0556376105, Parents who have not yet paid the last academic year fees are requested to pay it on or before 12th April 2020.
- 4. CBSE EXAM 2020:** There are several CBSE schools located outside India spread over 25 countries. Each of these countries is under lockdown. Under such circumstances, it is felt that the Board will not be in a position to hold differential set of exams for each of these countries. Therefore, the Board has decided to not hold any more exams for the students of class 12 schools located outside India. The system of marking / assessment for the purpose of declaring results will be worked out by the Board shortly and informed to these schools.

Please follow the government's guidelines using social distancing and hygiene protocol. Remember, life will get back to normal eventually, but hopefully, after this experience is over, our lives will include more appreciation of our blessings and our freedoms. We request all our students and their loved one to kindly stay strong and we shall overcome this Pandemic together.

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