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Circular to Parents Regarding School Re-opening Plan

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Providence English Private School community I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the past months in the Distance Learning Programme. It has been very successful and has been rated by SPEA as “**Developed**”.

Safeguarding and Well-being is the highest priority for the school and we will ensure that all the necessary procedures are taken to provide the highest level of sanitizing and cleanliness and follow the health and safety measures recommended by the concerned authorities in the UAE.

We are happy to share with you the reopening plan for the PEPS for Term 1 which includes Face-To Face, Blended and Distance Learning models.

School Schedule:

KG 1-Grade 4: On Campus or Online

Day	100% Distance Learning	100% Face-to-Face
Sunday	KG1- Grade 4	KG1- Grade 4
Monday	KG1- Grade 4	KG1- Grade 4
Tuesday	KG1- Grade 4	KG1- Grade 4
Wednesday	KG1- Grade 4	KG1- Grade 4
Thursday	KG1- Grade 4	KG1- Grade 4

Students from KG1- Grade 4 can choose or mix between online and face to face sessions.

Grade 5- Grade 12: Blended approach (Mix On campus & Online)

Day	Distance Learning	Face-to-Face
Sunday	G5, G8 & G9	G6 , G7,10-12
Monday	G5, G8 & G9	G6 , G7,10-12
Tuesday	G7, G10-G12	G5, G6, G8 & G9
Wednesday	G6, G7, G11 & G12	G5, G8, G9 & 10
Thursday	G6 , G10 & G11	G5, G7, G8, G9 & G12

Students from G5-G12 can go for 100% Distance Learning Option.

NOTE: All Summative Assessments (Monthly and Term Exams) must be inside the school.

School will send you Starting Dates & Times next week.



Health and Safety Procedures:

- No student 12 years old and above will join the school before testing negative for COVID-19. The test is free of charge and the school will inform the parents regarding the test as soon as it receives the details from Sharjah Private Education Authority.
- Student desk will be set at a safe distance Apart (1.5 m).
- Students should be designated a chair and table and no swapping among students is allowed. (parents cannot request changes)
- Seating arrangements will be clearly marked out in canteen area. A physical distance 2 m should be kept in canteen area.
- Safety markings will be set up throughout corridors, the markings will dictate safe distances of 1.5 m. Students will be monitored to ensure strict adherence.
- Muslim students who wish to pray at school must bring their own personal prayer mats to pray in the prayer room.
- Students in Kindergarten are not required to wear masks.
- Students of Grade 1 and above are required to bring minimum 2 masks per day for personal use.
- Students with medical conditions are exempted from wearing a mask with a medical certificate, and they should wear face shields instead.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the school, with clear instructions and signage available. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize at regular intervals through the day. In particular pre and post – lunch time.
- Teachers and teaching assistants will monitor the younger students to ensure they are following the required hand washing procedures.
- Face shields are encouraged during meal breaks when masks need to be temporarily removed.
- Students will be required to replace their masks following the lunch break.
- Encourage your children to bring healthy food from home and not to share it with others. Teachers will ensure that students do not share food.
- Toilets will be cleaned and disinfected after every use.
- Anyone feeling unwell, regardless if there are Covid-19 symptoms or not, must not come to school.



- Water dispensers are not allowed, the school will offer sanitized water bottles at AED 1 or student to bring water bottle from home.
- School will sanitize classrooms every day. A thorough cleaning and sanitization of the school will be conducted at the end of each week.
- No activities will be held in shared spaces. Assemblies, events and contact games remain suspended till further notice.
- Schools will ensure that books and school uniforms are properly packaged and sanitized before starting the distribution process.
- Appointments must be made in advance via the main reception email for face to face meetings (admin@peps.ae). These meetings must be after school hours when students have left the school premises.
- The school will conduct continuous awareness sessions to all students to ensure that they are aware of all health and safety school protocols and measures.
- Students must be aware of their roles and responsibilities during the reopening phase.
- PEPS will provide counseling and support programs through the school counselor in partnership with specialized partners.
- Students will arrive and leave the school at the determined start and finish time. Staggered start and finish times will be implemented by a school to further reduce the risk of larger groups.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school premises, but they can drop off/pick up their children in designated points and will be given a maximum time limit of 10 minutes in the designated area with no crowding with 1.5 m distancing, and wearing of masks at all times.
- Only one family member or a guardian is allowed to enter the school facility for drop-off and/or pick-up his/her child. People with compromised medical conditions, including the elderly, should not come for drop-off and/or pick-up.
- Upon arrival at school, students will pass through several designated entrance points. The temperature of each student will be measured in these entrance points and who are found to have a high temperature



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(Starting from 37.5°C) will be taken aside and moved to the designated segregation zone for a second test by a handheld scanner. If needed, they will be moved to a pre-approved isolation area.

- Buses will operate at 50% reduced capacity; temperature will be taken prior to students entering the Bus.
- Student will not be allowed to enter the bus if fever is apparent. Parents will have to wait with students until the bus departs.
- Anyone feeling unwell, regardless if there are Covid-19 symptoms or not must not come to school.
- Students who have travelled must adhere to any UAE authority requirements, including any self-isolation and testing requirements 14 days before the start of the academic year. Travel declaration form will be required and must be submitted before joining the school.

Regular school communications will be maintained to keep you updated regarding health and safety measures, curriculum delivery and assessment schedules.

Stay Safe,

Administration