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Circular to Parents Regarding School Re-opening Plan (Part 1)

Dear Parents,

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 Academic Year 2021-2022 which includes Face-To Face, Hybrid and Distance Learning models.

School Schedule:

Day	% Face-to-Face
Sunday	FS1- YEAR 4
Monday	FS1- YEAR 4
Tuesday	FS1- YEAR 4
Wednesday	FS1- YEAR 4
Thursday	FS1- YEAR 4

*Fully Distance Learning is a parental option and it is also available 5 days in a week (Year 1 to Year 4).

Day	Distance Learning	Face-to-Face
Sunday	Year 5, Year 12 & Year 13	Y6 to Y 11
Monday	Year 10 & Year 11	Y5 to Y9, Y12 & Y13
Tuesday	Year 8	Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y9 to Y13
Wednesday	Year 7 & Year 9	Y5,Y6,Y8,Y10 to Y13
Thursday	Year 6	Y5, Y7 to Y13

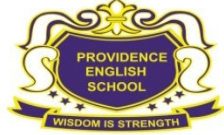
*One day Distance Learning in a week for each class.

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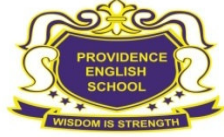
Health and Safety Procedures:

- **A negative PCR is required from all students 12 years and above.**
- Student desks will be set at a safe distance Apart (1 m). Physical markings will be used in the classroom to ensure desks are remain in the correct locations.
- Students should be designated a chair and table and no swapping among students is allowed.
- Seating arrangements will be clearly marked out in canteen area. A physical distance 1 m should be kept in canteen area.
- Safety markings will be set up throughout corridors, the markings will dictate safe distances of 1 m. Students will be monitored to ensure strict adherence.
- Students in FS1, FS2 and Year 1 are not required to wear masks.
- Students of Year 2 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.
- Water dispensers are not allowed, the school will offer sanitized water bottles at AED 1.



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- 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.
- 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 for face to face meetings. 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 15 minutes in the designated area with no crowding with 1 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.



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- 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 (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 75 % 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. (Please read the policy of “staying at home if unwell”).
- 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.

Kind Regards,
Administration