

## Important Information - Physical School Reopening. KG to Grade 12

Dear parents

Greetings from GMS!

We thank our parent community for all for the care, commitment, and courage you have shown through the pandemic and evolving as warriors in this war with the pandemic. Our students have witnessed a paradigm shift in the mode of learning and we are glad that they will now be able to return to full fledged physical school. We eagerly look forward to welcoming them back!

Kindly be informed of the following aspects of this school reopening .

### On site classes:

All students are expected to report to school physically from 3rd October 2021 and as per KHDA , only 3 categories of students can be exempted from coming to school.

1. A student has a medical condition which prevents them from accessing face-to-face learning. In this case, the student must provide a medical certificate from Dubai Health Authority, stating the reason they cannot attend school.
2. A student is outside of the UAE and is unable to return due to international Covid restrictions. In this case, the student must provide a certificate from the relevant government authority as applicable.
3. student has tested positive for Covid-19 or has been identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19. In this case, the student must have the appropriate certificate from Dubai Health Authority.

The extent of support that will be given to these exempted cases of students will be discussed separately with individual parents.

### New Sections:

In our previous circular dated 23/09/21, we had mentioned about shuffling of classes. Parents will be intimated of the new section on Thursday by the new class teacher. A new WhatsApp group from grade 1 onwards and Class Dojo for KG will be formed for easy communication. We request parents to be kind and patient with the class teacher. Kindly refrain from sending messages on Whatsapp. Our preferred mode of communication is e mail

In the first few days kindly wait for teachers to post messages and pass on important information that will be applicable for all parents in the class.

The new timetable for the classes will be shared through the new WhatsApp group/ Class Dojo on Saturday 2, October 21 by the class teacher.

### **Mandatory protocols: Masks**

**Kindly note that masks are not mandatory for students in Kindergarten.**

#### **From grade 1 onwards:**

1. Masks must be worn by all students while travelling by bus.
2. Masks must be worn by all students during school hours except when eating or engaging in medium and high-risk sports.
3. Masks must be worn properly to cover the mouth and nose.
4. Students must bring extra masks.
5. Mask requirements are subject to change based on the latest guidelines from relevant authorities.

#### **From KG onwards**

Physical distancing

1. All students must maintain a distance of 1 meter between themselves and teachers across the school premises.
2. Handshakes must be avoided.

#### **Personal hygiene**

1. Students are encouraged to always carry an effective sanitizer in their bags to sanitize their hands frequently.
2. Students must wash their hands properly or sanitize them if their hands are visibly soiled, before eating, after using the toilet, after touching high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs and handrails, after coughing or sneezing.

#### **Staggered Dispersal**

The school will be following staggered dispersal for the safety of all. Kindly note the dispersal timing for students using their own transport and make sure you come in time.

KG- 12 noon

Grades 1 & 2: 12:20 p.m.

Grades 3 to 5: 12:30 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8:12:45 p.m.

Grades 9 to 12 (Morning shift) - 12:45 p.m.

Grades 9 to 12 (Afternoon Shift)- 6 p.m.

#### **Arrival & Dispersal Gate numbers**

Kg to grade 5-Gate Number:4

Grades 6 to 12 (MS)-Gate Number:2

Grades 9 to 12(AS)-Gate Number:4

#### **Half yearly examination:**

The examination for all students as intimated earlier will be a written paper conducted in school. Students will be dispersed after the exam so that they prepare well for the next day's examination. No exchange of stationery will be permitted, so we request parents to send sufficient stationery.

All students on both morning and afternoon shifts will report in the morning to appear for the exam and will be dispersed at 10:15a.am.

Kindly clear all the fees well in time before the examination.

#### **School canteen:**

We are working on getting the school canteen to be functional by mid-October and we will keep you informed.

#### **School Bus transportation:**

It is mandatory that the transport fee for the month of October needs to be paid to avail of the service. The driver of the concerned area will get in touch with the parents on Saturday to give the pickup timing for Saturday 2, October 21. Kindly note as the school session begins at 7:30 a.m. the pickup time will be a bit earlier than the current timing. The drivers of the respective routes will intimate the parents before Sunday.

Warm regards

Gulf Model School