

30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents,

Eid Mubarak! May you be blessed with great health, happiness and prosperity!

Trust and pray you all are keeping safe and well!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuous engagement and time in firstly sharing your questions/queries/concerns with us and we are happy that we could include responses and solutions as best possible at this stage through our presentation and webinars for readiness for reopening of school. We all know, this is a new situation for all of us, and we are grateful to you for working with us collaboratively and for being so responsive, flexible and positive.

We sincerely appreciate and thank you for then taking the time to attend the webinars, we were very pleased and excited to see the high attendance of parents in all the webinars along with the high level of engagement in the Q and A sessions at the end of each webinar. We are most grateful for all your appreciation emails and ongoing engagement through mails and phone calls, and we are pleased we have responded to all queries within 24 hours, so that all our parents are well informed and will be engaging with students in preparation and readiness for the school with the new norms and new ways of being responsible to be safe and healthy.

Your appreciation and acknowledgement of how informative you found these sessions and how your queries and apprehensions are responded to promptly is indeed encouraging and gives us more strength and positivity to strive to do our best. I join you all in extending my sincerest appreciation to Dr. Ritika, for preparing the presentation with respective Head of school- Ms. Jaya and Ms. Harpreet along with support and guidance from our Medical, IT, Health and Safety and School Operations team members for their thorough and proactive thinking in preparing the presentation of reopening readiness plan in line with the expectations/protocols from the authorities.

Please find attached the [KHDA guidelines/protocols](#) again for your easy reference. The highlighted statements are pertinent to parents especially. We request you to please read them carefully to understand the collective roles and responsibilities of all of us as a community to ensure safest and smoothest possible start of the new academic year with health and safety as a priority at all times. Once again, I request please do engage with your children in conversations to explain them the expectations and for their readiness in the new norms with health and safety as priority and how they need to their responsible efforts.

The FAQs from our webinars are also attached for your easy and quick reference. The presentation from the webinars will be shared once we have final approvals. We have received communication from KHDA on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July about the option of continuing with 100% distance learning provision in the new academic year. While face-to-face learning remains the preferred education model, we understand that different parents have different views, especially in the first phases of re-opening. **As a temporary measure**, we can and will provide 100% distance learning provision in the new academic year **to parents who request it**. This is intended to help ease parents and children into an eventual return to face-to-face learning.

As we had shared in the webinar please check the monthly [Well-being calendar](#) and we encourage students to follow along with the family members.

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All activities boost mental and physical well-being along with the opportunity for the family to share some quality time together in meaningful positive engagement. Please do share your valuable feedback to our Head of Well-being, Ms. Debbiejo Miranda at [Debbiejo.m\\_win@gemsedu.com](mailto:Debbiejo.m_win@gemsedu.com).

Some of you have asked for the possibility of not being able to join the entire next year due to your employment or visa concerns and have asked for refunds and TCs. We request you to get in touch with our registrar immediately before 10<sup>th</sup> of August to avoid any disappointments in timely processes.

All other details like groups, schedules, revised policies etc. will be shared closer to the reopening of school.

As many of you have requested, please find attached a list of key personnel and their contact details for your reference.

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Looking forward to your continuous engagement and support.

Stay safe and healthy!

Warm Regards,

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