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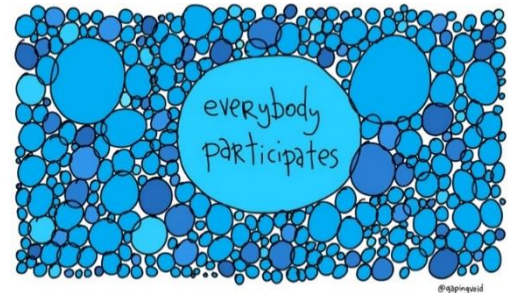
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RETURN TO ON-SITE LEARNING AT AL SIRAAT COLLEGE

Dear Parents / Carers – Asalaamu Alaikum,

I commence this communication with my appreciation and gratitude for all your support this term. The staff have really appreciated your acknowledgement of their work, and in return we acknowledge the role you have played at home in ensuring we have been able to provide continuity of learning to such a high level.

The following outlines the dates for return to on-site learning. In addition, it contains important information for parents, and what we all need to do as a community to keep safe. The plan we have finalised assumes that we will all play our part and follow the directions given by the College.



ALL STUDENTS TO COMMENCE ON-SITE LEARNING ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

Al Siraat College will re-commence on-site learning on **Wednesday 27th May** in shaa Allah. School timings will be as normal – from 8:20am to 3:30pm. We are not staggering the start of school for different year levels across a number of days or weeks. The reasons for resuming all students at once include:

- The re-assurance from our health authorities that schools are safe places, and that younger people are at the least risk.
- We have 303 families that have more than one student across different year levels. We understand and appreciate the difficulties this will create for families.
- Good expectations from parents and adults to abide by social distancing requirements given that we have been in a social distancing environment for some time.

LEADING UP TO WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

Online learning will continue for all of next week (17th May to the 22nd May). Students who are currently attending school will also maintain the same pattern for this week.

Monday 25th May is an Eid Holiday. The College will be closed on this day.

Tuesday 26th May is a student free day. We will use this day to make final preparations for our resumption of on-site learning.

KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF THEY ARE UNWELL

If your child is sick, they must not come to school. You must keep them at home and away from others.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. Parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

WHAT IF I WANT TO KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME

All students in all year levels returning to on-site schooling are expected to attend school. It is recognised that some parents may choose to keep their children at home due to concerns about COVID-19 and this is respected. If parents choose to do this, please note that the College will not be able to provide live remote learning. Google Classroom will be updated with current learning materials, however, it will not be a substitute for classroom learning.

We will not be providing a live learning environment if you choose to keep your child at home. Whilst Google Classroom will be updated with learning materials, it will not be a substitute for classroom learning.

PARENTS COMING ONTO SCHOOL SITE

Parents / carers will generally **not** be allowed into the school site until further notice. Parents will only be permitted on the school site only when it is essential to do, and will require prior arrangement with the office.

This means that you will not be able to walk your child into the school site, and you will not be able to enter during pick-up time.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

The main risk of introducing coronavirus (COVID-19) to the school environment is from adults. As such, staff, parents and carers are required to practise social distancing.

Avoid congestion during drop-off and pick-up time. Stay in your cars during these times.

I ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres at all times. Parents and carers should not gather in areas around the school or at the school gates. We have a large drop off zone - please make use of this area to drop off your child. We suggest that you designate a safe pick-up place for your child away from the school site to avoid congestion. The drop-off zone will not be able to cater for all the school traffic at pick-up time.

WATER FOUNTAINS AND WATER BOTTLES

Water fountains will not be used until further notice. Students will need to bring their own water bottle and refill it as needed.

Please advise your children not to share water bottles or their food.

BUS SERVICE

The school bus service will run as per the normal scheduled time. There will be additional sanitation carried out with the buses, along with the provision of hand sanitiser for students.

OTHER ITEMS

Please note the following items as well:

- The Primary School assembly will continue on Zoom, with teachers streaming it into their classrooms.
- All excursions, camps and parent events (unless they are conducted virtually) remain suspended until further notice.
- Our Salaah Program will continue, with Grade 5 and 6 students praying in Building M along with Grade 3 and 4 students. Extra cleaning and wipe downs will be arranged for the wudu centres.
- Sports programs will run as usual, with the exception of inter-school sports.
- Playground equipment will be available, with children encouraged to wash hands before and after its use.

INCREASED HYGIENE AND SANITATION

The school has a responsibility to ensure that these strict hygiene approaches are followed:

- Cleaning and disinfecting of frequently used high-touch surfaces such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps, and handrails at regular intervals throughout the day with a detergent solution or detergent/disinfectant wipes.
- Reminding students to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and using hand sanitiser when entering school and at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Provision of hand sanitiser and cleaning equipment, disinfectant wipes and cleaning equipment in every classroom.
- Increased frequency of cleaning toilets, wudu centres and high touch surfaces.
- Educating students on the etiquettes of covering coughs and sneezes with one's elbow or a tissue.

Please email any queries you have in the first instance to cc@alsiraat.vic.edu.au. We look forward to having our students back at school.

Wishing a blessed (remainder of) Ramadan and Eid.

Fazeel Arain

Principal