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To: ALL Parents from YEARS 1 – 13 : WEEKLY CIRCULAR AHEAD OF WEEK TWENTY

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. We are praying for all those families who are coping with children or other family members who are sick at this time and we pray for a speedy and complete recovery for all who are ill.

KHDA HAS ANNOUNCED A 100% RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING FOR ALL DUBAI PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND A LIFTING OF SOME OF THE TEMPORARY PROTOCOLS SUCH AS NO SPORTS LESSONS AND NO EVENTS THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE IN JANUARY 2022.

1) ON-SITE LESSONS FOR ALL STUDENTS (YEARS 1 -13) : We will be continuing with on-site lessons/ exams.

Distance Learning can only be offered to students who test positive for Covid-19, students who are close to contacts and those with exemptions as per DHA guidelines.

2) DE-ISOLATION / CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ANY STUDENT WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:

All parents are requested to kindly email the de-isolation / clearance certificate from DHA to the school doctor on dayani-smchs@smgeducation.org with a copy to the both school nurses on midhu.xavier-smchs@smgeducation.org and savitha.mariya-smchs@smgeducation.org

This is absolutely essential for your child to return to school. Children cannot return to on-site lessons unless the school clinic has received the DE-ISOLATION certificate as a soft copy via email.

3) EXAMINATIONS WILL BE DONE ON STUDENTS' DEVICES :

Keeping in mind the health and safety of all the students and staff , ALL STUDENTS will do their exams on their own devices. They must bring in a FULLY CHARGED DEVICE . Please make sure their laptop or tablet is in good working condition. Students from years 5-13 will use their mobile phones to scan their answer scripts. However they will need a tablet or laptop (tablets will be easier to handle) to download their examination papers.

4) CHILDREN WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE:

We would like children who have tested positive to fully focus on their healing and getting well without the pressure of answering exams. Once they have got their DE-ISOLATION certificate from DHA , they may resume exams as per the time table, There is no need for a second PCR after the ten days quarantine. A schedule will be provided for exams that have been missed once the examination schedule has been completed.

5) CHILDREN WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID POSITIVE FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING WITH THEM:

Once they have completed their quarantine, they may resume exams as per the time table, There is no need for a second PCR after the quarantine. A schedule will be provided for exams that have been missed once the examination schedule has been completed.

6) CHILDREN SHOWING SYMPTOMS:

CHILDREN WITH SYMPTOMS SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL ON ANY ACCOUNT.

If your child is showing flu-like symptoms , kindly inform the class teacher via email immediately and please do a PCR. Any exam missed will be rescheduled at a later date. Once a negative PCR is obtained, the child can resume the exams in school as per the time table. If a child tests positive, please refer to point number four of this circular.

7) CHILDREN WHO DO NOT HAVE AN EXAM SCHEDULED ON A PARTICULAR DAY MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL ON THAT DAY:

Please check the examination time table carefully and do not send children to school if they do not have an examination on any particular day.

8) WHAT CHILDREN MUST HAVE FOR THEIR EXAMS:

YEARS ONE THROUGH FOUR-

A FULLY CHARGED TABLET OR LAPTOP IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION. Their books pertaining to the exam of that day and the next day. Ample time for revision will be given.

YEARS FIVE THROUGH THIRTEEN-

A fully charged tablet or laptop in good working condition and a mobile phone to scan the answer sheets. Teachers will instruct students how everything has to be done. The mobile phones will be kept on the teacher's table at the beginning of the day and will only be given to the student for this purpose after which it will returned to the child at the end of the school day.

9) EXAM TIMINGS:

Please note that the regular school timings will be followed. All exams will not take place for all year groups in the morning and we will be staggering exams across different year groups through the day. Revision time will be allocated for most year groups except not in the case of board exam classes.

10) ENTRY AND EXIT:

The same procedures will be followed for entry and exit as we have been doing before the Winter break.

11) SNACKS AND WATER:

Please send a good snack and water with your child every day.

12) MUST HAVE HYGIENE KIT:

It is essential that an extremely high level of hygiene be maintained by every child in order to curb the spread of the virus in our school community. Therefore please make sure that your child has his/ her FULL AND COMPLETE HYGIENE KIT before they leave each morning. **THREE DISPOSABLE FACE MASKS, AMPLE SANITIZER, SANITIZING/ DISINFECTING WIPES/ TISSUES.** Please remind your child about how important it is for them to keep their hands clean, not touch their faces, wear their masks fully covering their nose and mouth and keeping a good distance from others.

13) EMSAT EXAM RESCHEDULED TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2022:

Please note that the exams of 15th January have been rescheduled to 12th February 2022.

14) MALPRACTICE DURING EXAMINATIONS:

Students are being reminded about the consequences of any kind of malpractice daily before every examination and we would like to reiterate that students will receive a zero in the case of any form of malpractice or cheating in any examination.

15) 1st and 2nd of FEBRUARY 2022 NOT HOLIDAYS:

Students and parents are being reminded that although these two days had been marked as holidays, they are no longer holidays since the exams were postponed. The rescheduled two day holiday will be notified in next week's circular.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

