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OUR REF :

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Date: Friday, 25th February 2022

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

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.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS. IF YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR CHILD FOR A PCR TEST (because you have some suspicion based on symptoms) PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NEGATIVE PCR.

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 <u>dayani-smchs@smgeducation.org</u> with a copy to the both school nurses on <u>midhu.xavier-smchs@smgeducation.org</u> and <u>savitha.mariya-smchs@smgeducation.org</u>

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) CHILDREN WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE:

Kindly inform the class teachers, the school doctor and Ms. Pinto if your child

tests positive and attach the PCR report without any delay.

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

The PCR report of the family member needs to be sent to the class teacher, school doctor and Ms. Pinto. The doctor will inform you about the return date to school. Parents must monitor children for symptoms at home and if these develop, kindly have a PCR test administered.

5) 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. Once a negative PCR is obtained, the child can resume school. If a child tests positive, please refer to point number three of this circular.

6) ADMISSION FOR YEARS 2 TO YEAR 10 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 FOR SIBLINGS:

Thank you for your emails. You should have been notified via email from one of our IT support staff about when to come in to fill a form on the premises. If you have not yet received an email, please email Ms. Pinto via email on <u>l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org</u>

7) 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.

9) PAYMENT OF FIRST TERM & SECOND TERM FEES:

Kindly settle all outstanding dues at the earliest. In the case of unpaid first term fees, we will have to follow regulator policy with regard to discontinuation of school for the stipulated number of days as per regulator policy. Kindly ensure that ALL FIRST TERM FEES have been paid. Examination marks, papers, reports and other documents will not be issued to any child whose first term fees are outstanding.

Second term fees should also be settled immediately and without any further delay.

The deadlines for all fee payments have passed.

10) SPRING BREAK:

The change in Spring Break is only the weekend change so Friday, 25th March will be a working day. Spring break will begin on the 26th of March 2022. Students return to school on the 11th of APRIL 2022.

11) CHANGE IN TWO DAY HOLIDAY MARKED IN KHDA CALENDAR IN APRIL 2022:

Please note that the school will be closed on the 14^{th} and 15^{th} of April 2022.

12) REPORT DATES (PARENT -TEACHER MEETINGS ONLINE) SAVE THE DATES:

The Parent-teacher meeting for years 11 and 13 will be scheduled on Saturday, 12th March 2022. The Parent-teacher meeting for all other year groups will be scheduled for Saturday, 19th March. Detailed circulars regarding time slots will be sent in the first week of March.

13) UPDATED LESSON TIMINGS ON FRIDAYS: We have made small changes to our lesson timings on Fridays to allow for a slightly wider dispersal window. The start and end timings of the day remain unchanged.

14) ABT ARABIC LEARNING PLATFORM:

We will be launching an interactive Arabic Learning platform for years three to ten shortly. It will not be charged currently but next year it will be payable at AED 40/- per child for the entire Academic year. This will be part of their E-Learning resources.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)

