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OUR REF: .....

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Friday, 4th February, 2022

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

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 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) 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.

# 4) 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.

# 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. 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.

# 6) 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.

#### 7) END OF TERM BREAK:

Please note that the school will be closed on the 10th and 11th of February 2022.

This is in lieu of the two holidays ( $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  February 2022) marked in our calendar, which could not be taken due to the rescheduling of exams.

## 8) READING QUIZ:

Years 1-6 will have their Reading Quiz on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 and Years 7-10 will have their Reading Quiz on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. Years 9 and 10 will also have their Social Studies Examination on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

# 9) ADMISSION FOR YEARS 2 TO YEAR 10 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 FOR SIBINGS:

If you wish to apply for a place for your child who already has a sibling (only brother or sister, not cousin) please send an email to Ms. L. Pinto on <a href="mailto:l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org">l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org</a> with the following details. She will reply with the next steps within the week.

- SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL SHOULD BE: SIBLING ADMISSION.
- CURRENT CHILD/ CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL AND CLASS/ CLASSES
- NAME OF CHILD YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR:
- CLASS YOU WISH TO APPLY TO:
- NAME OF SCHOOL THE CHILD IS CURRENTLY STUDYING IN (2021-2022)
- YEAR GROUP THE CHILD IS CURRENTLY STUDYING IN

#### 10) 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.

## 11) ENTRY AND EXIT:

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

#### 12) SNACKS AND WATER:

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

#### 13) 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.

## 14) EMSAT EXAM RESCHEDULED:

Please check the latest update on the school website. Please check your individual emails for updates from MOE.

#### 15) 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.

## **16) RE-EXAMINATIONS:**

Students who have missed exams must be ready to take them from the 8<sup>th</sup> of February onwards. Class teachers will send them schedules over the weekend. Schedules will be sent for a few exams at a time and not all in one go.

#### 17) GCSE ART FIRST TERM EXAMINATION:

Students in Year 11 who take Art, will have their Art examinations on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

### 18) 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.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph

(Principal)

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To: Parents of O-Level Art students - GCSE ART FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

Dear Parents.

**Greetings from St. Mary's.** We would like to inform you that the GCSE ART FIRST TERM EXAMINATION will be conducted on the 8<sup>TH</sup> and 9<sup>TH</sup> of February 2022 . All guidelines will be provided by their teacher.

Kindly note that these important dates must be carefully kept in mind and students will not be granted leave on any of these days.

Kindly sign this letter and have your son/daughter scan it and email it to their Art teacher before the end of this week. Please keep a copy of this letter for you.

We thank you for your collaboration and we trust that your children are preparing as best as they can towards their portfolios and Examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph ( Principal)



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CLASS	:	
NAME OF PARENT	:	
PARENT'S MOBILE	:	
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# Change in the Emirates Standardized Test "EmSAT" dates

To provide students with as many opportunities as possible to register for the Emirates Standardized Test (EmSAT), as of February 27, 2022, all "EmSAT" Grade 12 sessions have been moved from Saturday to Sunday.