



OUR REF :

TRN : 100259955100003

Friday, 4th March 2022

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

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.

WE HAVE ATTACHED THE LATEST UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM KHDA WITH REGARD TO COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS. PLEASE GO THROUGH IT CAREFULLY.

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:

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:

Please refer to the updated KHDA guidelines attached to this circular. Close contacts do not need to quarantine if they do not have symptoms. We will continue to contact trace and we will tell you if your child is a close contact. If a close contact has symptoms then as per DHA protocols two PCR tests need to be done within 48 hours.

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 SIBINGS:

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 l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org

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.

8) 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.

9) FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Please see an attachment to this circular that has a recap of the various fee payment options.

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 14th and 15th 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 year's 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.

15) MOCK EXAMINATION TIME TABLES YEARS 11 AND 13:

We had published the Mock Examination timetables on the 2nd of March. Please make a careful note of the reporting time for examinations and also note that students will not be given extra time if they are late. Any valid medical emergencies must be communicated by parents only via email to the class teacher and cc to Ms. Pinto. We will also be providing students and parents with guidelines and regulations regarding the Mock Exams next week.

16) ORIENTATION REGARDING SUBJECT CHOICE OPTIONS FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS:

We will be having orientations for Year Eight students regarding the subject choice options for their GCSE/IGCSE course that starts from Year Nine. These have been scheduled for the 8th and 9th

of March 2022. Class teachers will later send the presentations to parents and students via the class group email.

17) DUBAI METRO (STUDENTS WHO USE THE METRO):

We had a site visit from representatives from Dubai Metro to share with us some urgent concerns about the students who use the metro. We would like all parents to address these issues most urgently with your children. CONCERNS: The most serious is leaving their bags unattended and going off to talk to friends- the government has strict security protocols on any unattended bags/ parcels and this is causing a massive issue for the security at the Oud Metha station. Secondly students are gathering in large groups – not maintaining distance and talking loudly and being a source of disturbance. Some are running up and down the escalator and some even sliding down the escalator railing. Please make the children aware that after this warning if any of this behaviour still persists, parents will face potential fines.

18) FIRST TERM EXAMINATION PAPERS/ GOOGLE FORMS:

Teachers will begin sharing the first term answer scripts / Google forms. While Year 11 and 13 scripts cannot be taken off the premises, students are being allowed to take pictures or scan their answer scripts. We will not be able to provide answer scripts to those students who have outstanding first term fees.

19) NGRT (The New Group Reading Test) YEAR ONE:

The NGRT has been scheduled for Year One on the 18th of March 2022. The children's preparation for the same has been integrated in their English lessons. NGRT assesses phonic knowledge, decoding ability, sight word knowledge and literal comprehension.

20) IBT ARABIC RESULTS:

Parents of students who sat the IBT Arabic examinations earlier this year are asked to note that the results will be sent to your child's school email from Monday, 7th March 2022. Please check your child's school email for the same.

Have a blessed and lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



STAYING SAFE

Updated safety standards for private schools, universities and early childhood centres in Dubai

★ What's New?



Face masks are no longer required outdoors. They remain compulsory indoors.*



Children, students and staff who are considered close contacts but do not show Covid symptoms are not required to isolate and can continue attending classes.

What stays the same?



Physical distancing



Regular and consistent sanitisation



Contact tracing by Health and Safety Officers



Compliance with safety standards from Dubai Government authorities



Close contacts can only return to school if they are free of symptoms.



Positive Covid cases must isolate for 10 days

**for children in Year 2/Grade 1 and above*



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NOTICE

Dear Parents,

To facilitate payment of school fees for the new academic session, 2021-2022, listed below are the payment options:

1. Payment through Skiplly App:

Please follow the steps mentioned in Skiplly Payment Guide.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/parents-info/skiplly-mobile-payment-gateway/>

Kindly note that Skiplly is a payment gateway and it will not show reducing balance of the fee for the student.

2. Company Cheques:

In favour of ST MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI. Please mention the SIMS Student Registration Number, Name, Year & Section of the student, behind the cheque leaf.

3. Manager's Cheques -

In favour of ST MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI. Please mention the SIMS Student Registration Number, Name, Year & Section of the student, behind the cheque leaf.

4. Details of Bank Transfer -

Bank Name : THE NATIONAL BANK OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH

Account Name : ST MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI

Account Number : 0182154991001

IBAN Number : AE860400000182154991001

NO PERSONAL CHEQUES WILL BE ENTERTAINED

NO CASH DEPOSITS OR CHEQUE DEPOSITS SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL'S BANK ACCOUNT

Please send the transaction details through email to fee-smchs@smgeducation.org

Kindly mention the SIMS Student Registration Number, Name, Year & Section of the student.

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