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**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-3 – DISTANCE & BLENDED LEARNING UPDATE**

**Dear Parents,**

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** Please read through these important updates for week eleven.

We pray that all of you and your children are safe and well.

**COMPETITION AND PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION UNDER DL SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE:**

We would like to invite you to please check this new section we have added for many interesting programmes and competitions that the children can participate in.

**REFUND FOR ARABIC/ ISLAMIC STUDIES/ MORAL EDUCATION BOOKS AND COLLECTION OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEXT BOOKS:**

We had uploaded a notice on the school website on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and had sent this to the class group email as well. This has a link for parents to book an appointment with Iris International for refunds and/ or collection of Social Studies books.

**SCHEDULED PLANS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

You will receive the scheduled plans for next week with this update.

**MORNING LEARNING TASKS RESUME NEXT WEEK:**

Morning Learning Tasks will resume in WEEK 11.

**FIRST TERM FEES:**

A reminder to all parents that the last date for the payment of the First Term Fees has now passed.

**WE WILL BE CONTACTING PARENTS WITH OUTSTANDING FEES SOON TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS. Your collaboration in settling your child's first term fees immediately is the need of the hour.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM KHDA –TRAVEL REGULATIONS AND TRAVEL DECLARATION :**

A reminder to all parents to check the school website for this important update from KHDA as regards student travel and the required travel declaration form that needs to be filled.

## **GUIDANCE SESSIONS FOR PARENTS FROM LIGHTHOUSE ARABIA :**

We have uploaded details of three sessions for parents from Lighthouse Arabia on the school website.

## **GL CAT-4 EXAMINATIONS:**

We have already sent you a separate and detailed circular regarding these exams so this is only a reminder of the schedule. **THE CAT-4 FEE PAYMENT OPTION IS AVAILABLE UNDER EXAMINATION FEE IN THE SKIPLY APP.**

**Students who have joined the school this year in the year groups being tested, and have done the CAT4 exam last year in your previous school, are requested to kindly submit your CAT4 results to your class teachers via email.**

Kindly note the schedule for your child's examination : **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT ONLINE ON THE DAYS SCHEDULED FOR THEIR EXAMS.**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>
<b>YEAR 2 – GL CAT-4 EXAMS AED 65/-</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>FRIDAY ( 9:00 AM -11:30 AM ) We have chosen a Friday morning to ensure that at least one parents is at home to facilitate the technology and assist the children in the event of any technological issues. The Class teachers and IT support staff will be there to you and your children.</b>

## **LEARNING LADDERS – YEARS ONE AND TWO FOR ENGLISH, MATH and SCIENCE:**

We will soon be opening up the Learning Ladders Parent portal for parents of years One and Two to begin with and parents will be able to view your child's PROGRESS against the Learning Objective for his/her year group in English, Math and Science. You will receive an

email invite for this and our IT will conduct a session to guide you on how this portal can be used. We have already been using Learning Ladders to track the children's progress since last year but now we are opening out the parent portal in phases.

### **UPDATED PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION TO SCHOOL & CLASS TEACHERS:**

We have uploaded a link on the school website for you to access and provide us the critical information required without delay. **We are still waiting for a few more parents to fill in this information. THIS IS MOST URGENT!!**

### **WEEKLY LESSON PLANS:**

Every Saturday, we will upload the lesson plans for the week so that you will know in advance of the week what your child is going to be learning in the week to come. These plans can be found under the relevant departments on the school website.

### **MISSED ASSESSMENTS:**

In case your child is unwell or if there is any other emergency and he or she misses an assessment, please send an email to the respective subject teacher and copy the class teacher as well. Rescheduled assessments will take place on a Saturday morning and the teacher will communicate further details to you.

### **ZOOM GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND PRACTICE OF KEY CONTENT IN CORE SUBJECTS:**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE LEARNING SESSIONS IS STRICTLY BETWEEN THE TEACHER AND THE STUDENTS.** All previous guidelines have been made available in our PROCESS MAP and we urge you to go through those carefully. We thank you once again for your collaboration with the teachers in supporting your children through lessons. **It is a huge breach of PRIVACY under UAE law to record any live sessions without the permission of all those in a session.** Unfortunately it has been observed that some parents have been doing this. This is in complete violation of both UAE privacy laws as well as laws concerning Child Safeguarding and Protection and must not ever be done in future. The school will be compelled to report any future actions regarding violation of the same to the relevant authorities. Let us all remember to be respectful to one another as this is a key value to teach our children.

## **ATTENDANCE FOR LIVE SESSIONS:**

Your child's attendance is marked for each Zoom Session. In case your child has missed a session, you need to email the class teacher and inform him/her regarding the reason for the absence. If this is not done the absence will be marked as an 'unjustified absence' and will be reflected in your child's report card against that particular subject.

## **ACTIVE LEARN/ ACTIVE TEACH:**

The Login credentials for your child's Active Learn have been sent to your child's unique school email ID. In case payment for Active Learn has not yet been made, kindly contact Iris International immediately to have this done so that you can receive the login credentials for Active Learn for your child. In the event that you have paid for this but have still not yet received the login credentials, kindly send an email to the class teacher with your child's full name . Teachers will be using the Active Learn platform for lessons, assessments as well as allocating homework tasks and books for reading. Please do not delay in making the payment for Active Learn so that children can access the platform for their lessons.

## **DL SECTION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

We would like to remind ALL parents to kindly visit the DL section on our school website as we have been updating it with many useful links , documents, vital information for keeping your children safe online, tips on well-being and mindfulness to name a few. We are sure that you will find these useful and we will keep updating this section as often as we can.

## **EXPO 2020 SECTION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

We would like to invite you and your children to browse this section regularly as we will keep updating it with interesting and relevant resources for the children.

## **DISTANCE LEARNING CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED:**

Even if a child who has opted for Distance Learning has tested positive for Covid-19, parents are requested to please inform Lise-Ann via an email, clearly stating your child's full name, class and section, Emirates ID number, date of birth, home address and parent's mobile number. This is because DHA contacts Ms. Lise-Ann both via telephone and email requesting this information and often it is during late hours in the evening or at night and so this information from you would greatly assist the process with DHA.

## **PRIVACY OF TEACHER VIDEOS :**

Teachers will be uploading short video lessons for the children in English, Math, Science and Arabic as part of the morning learning tasks. We ask that you please respect the privacy of the teachers by not sharing these on social media or with parents from other schools. We are sure you as parents will

understand the sensitivity of this process and we trust that you will fully respect the privacy of our teachers by not sharing these in any way.

**GATE 5 WILL BE INACCESSIBLE TEMPORARILY :**

Kindly note that due to major road works just outside GATE no. 5 , we will be keeping this GATE CLOSED until it is safe to use it.

We wish you all a safe and blessed weekend with your families .Please be assured of our prayers and blessings for our Marian Family. **Please remember the three W's**

**Wash your hands !**

**Watch your distance !**

**Wear your mask !**

Yours sincerely,



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( Principal )

