



OUR REF : .....

DATE : Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** We continue to ask all of our Marian family to hold the school community in prayer especially for the health and safety of our children and their extended families. Please read these important updates as we move into week twenty four of this Academic Year.

**TRAVEL DECLARATION:** In order for the school to be compliant with the UAE Covid-19 travel requirements, please click on the official DHA link ( available on website ) and answer the relevant questions even if your child has not travelled. We appreciate if you are not travelling that you complete it as soon as possible. If you are travelling, please complete it prior to your child's return to lessons. The email required to be filled in the field on the form is [traveldecl-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:traveldecl-smchs@smgeducation.org)

**Guided Reading books assigned in Active Learn Bug Club:** Two books were assigned for children to read during the Winter Break and a quiz on these will be conducted after the exams and the marks will be integrated into the examination for English Reading. Reading is the most valuable skill and we would like every child to develop this skill at an early age so your support in encouraging them to read regularly with interest will be greatly appreciated.

**READING QUIZ :** The Reading Quiz based on the two books assigned in Bug Club has been scheduled for this evening between 6:00 and 6:30 pm.

**DL SCHEDULE :** The DL Schedule for next week will be uploaded to the school website along with this update.

**ADMISSION FORMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:** We would like to inform all parents that admissions to the Academic Year 2021-2022 are now open. There will be NO ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR ELEVEN. Kindly check the school website [www.stmarysdubai.com](http://www.stmarysdubai.com) for the admissions notice for further information related to admissions. Please note that admission to years ONE and TWO are now closed.

**SECOND TERM FEES – PAST THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT:** Please note that Second term fees should have been paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2021. We will not be able to issue any letters or other official documents to students who have any Outstanding Fees at this point.

**OUTSTANDING FIRST TERM FEES :** We are at a time junction of having gone four months past the last day for first term fee payments but we still have a large number of students with outstanding fees for the first term. We are urging all parents who have not yet cleared these outstanding fees from term one to do so without delay. Please note that we will not be in a position to provide examination marks, report cards, reference letters or any other official documents to students who still have outstanding first term fees.

**BLENDED LEARNING:** Please note that every child must bring a fully charged device for use during lessons on the days when they are on-site. Face shields are a must and the Hygiene Kit must contain three masks, a Face Shield, personal sanitizer and a pack of sanitizing wipes.

**Children must also carry a headset with them.**

**KHDA PARENT SURVEY FOR ALL PARENTS IN DUBAI:** We would like to invite you to please complete the survey by using the link under the KHDA section of the school website.

**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.

**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.

We wish you safe days ahead and we pray for blessings of good health for one and all.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )

