



OUR REF :

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DATE : Thursday, 4th March 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. We pray in a special way for those families that are facing many challenges with health and other difficulties related because of the Pandemic and we trust that a peaceful healing and happier times return to one and all. Please read these important updates as we move into week twenty eight of this Academic Year.

WORLD BOOK DAY, 4TH MARCH 2021 :

This Year World Book Day is being celebrated on Thursday, 4th March 2021 to truly foster in children a genuine love for books and reading. At St. Mary's we would like to make this a special day for the children as well and so **we are inviting all of our primary children from Years 1-6 to come dressed to lessons on the 4th of March as their favourite Book Characters.** We will also be hosting special World Book Day sessions for all Year Groups on that day and class teachers will have shared these details with their classes . We encourage parents of younger children to dedicate some time to read a story together with your children on this day. Do visit www.worldbookday.com for ideas and interesting stories.

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

REVISED ADMIN. OFFICE TIMINGS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

All parents are requested to please make a careful note that commencing immediately the School Admin Office will be **closed on the First and Third Saturday of every month** and **will work from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm on the Second and Fourth Saturday of every month.** For any urgent collection of documents, the office will intimate you on a case by case basis of any other timings during the week when documents may be collected.

PRIVACY OF TEACHER VIDEOS :

Teachers will once again 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.

Guided Reading books assigned in Active Learn Bug Club:

Two books will once again be assigned for children to read through this quarter and through the Spring Break and a quiz on these will be conducted after the Spring Break and the marks will be integrated into the Third Report 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.

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 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 31st 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. Please note that answer scripts of Mid-Term assessments which are due at a later date, will only be sent if ALL FEES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR HAVE BEEN PAID.

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.

MID TERM ASSESSMENTS :

It is once again time for the second round of mid-term assessments. You will have received an Assessment schedule from your child's class teacher. Please note that schedules are unique to every section and are based on lessons that are available for that particular section on a particular day. Assessment schedules have begun from the 1st of March 2021. Kindly refer to the table below for more information about the Second Term Assessments.

Year ONE Core	Eng. Read.	Eng Wr.	Math	Science	Arabic NA/A	Islamic Stu.
	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.
	10 marks Reading for Pleasure	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW
	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing

Year ONE Non Core	Geog.	History	Bible/ Citizenship	PSHE	Music	PE	Computing	Art
	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Project Task	20 marks Poster Making	20 marks MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Relevant Task
	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	NA	NA	NA	NA

Year Two Core	Eng. Read.	Eng Wr.	Math	Science	Arabic NA/A	Islamic Stu.	SST	Moral Ed.
	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass	25 marks 1 Ass
	10 marks Reading for Pleasure	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW
	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing

Year Two Non Core	Geog.	History	Bible/ Citizenship	PSHE	Music	PE	Computing	Art
	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Project Task	20 marks Poster Making	20 marks MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Relevant Task
	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	NA	NA	NA	NA

Year Three Core	Eng. Read.	Eng Wr.	Math	Science	Arabic NA/A	Islamic Stu.	SST	Moral Ed.
	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass.	25 marks 1 Ass	25 marks 1 Ass
	10 marks Reading for Pleasure	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW	10 marks AFL and HW
	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing	15 marks MLT ongoing

Year Three Non Core	Geog.	History	Bible/ Citizenship	PSHE	Music	PE	Computing	Art	French
	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Reading Task and MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Project Task	20 marks Poster Making	20 marks MCQs in Google Forms	20 marks Relevant Task	20 marks MCQs in Google Forms
	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	10 marks MLT ongoing	NA	NA	NA	NA	10 marks MLT ongoing

Academic honesty is a fundamental part of learning and teaching and a core value of Saint Mary's Catholic High School Dubai.

While we understand that children are in your physical space during these assessments we also know and trust that parents are the first teachers of values to their children. We therefore request you to only facilitate or help with the technological aspect of the assessment administration if needed but to refrain from assisting in any way with the content of the assessment. We know that above all else both parents and teachers want the values of honesty and integrity to be deeply embedded in the children as key drivers for their journey through life. Children watch us very closely and look up to us as role models and we want them to know that they can continue to maintain these values even when they are doing an assessment at home.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES & PORTIONS :

We would like to remind all parents to be mindful of the Assessment Schedules for the core subjects as well as those non-core subjects which have Reading Tasks. Assessments MUST be completed within the scheduled time. Attendance for these sessions is a must. If there are any medical or other emergencies that crop up and your child is unable to attend a session, please email the class teacher informing her of the same. The deadlines for the tasks assigned for some of the non-core subjects have to be respectfully and strictly followed.

SPRING BREAK :

The Spring Break for the Academic Year 2020-2021 commences on 28th March 2021 and students will return to school on Sunday, 18th April 2021.

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.**

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. **Please remember the three W's**

Wash your hands !
Watch your distance !
Wear your mask !

Yours sincerely,



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(Principal)

