



OUR REF : .....

DATE : Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 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 peaceful healing and happier times return to one and all. Please read these important updates as we move into week forty of this Academic Year.

**CIRCULAR ON RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS:** Parents are requested to carefully go through the circular that explains the rules, regulations and procedures for examinations. This circular has been issued on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**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)

**NEW DHA REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING COVID-19 SCHOOL CASES:** Even if a child who has opted for Distance Learning has tested positive for Covid-19, parents are requested to please access the link provided on the school website as per new DHA requirements and fill it up without fail. The new requirements necessitate that the PCR test report is sent by parents to the school on the same day that they receive it from the lab. **THIS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR PARENTS FROM DHA. THIS IS ONLY FOR NEW COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES AND NOT THOSE WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM COVID.**

## **RETURN FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 :**

**THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR RE-REGISTRATION WAS 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021. WE WILL NOW CONSIDER THAT WHERE RE-REGISTRATION FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID THAT THOSE CHILDREN WILL NOT RETURN FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 AS WE HAVE TO CONFIRM OUR NEW ADMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.**

**PLEASE TREAT THIS WEEKEND AS THE ABSOLUTE LAST & FINAL DEADLINE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING FEES AND RE-REGISTRATION FEES. We will be proceeding with new admissions from the following week based on those who have not been re-registered.**

**RELEASE OF FINAL EXAMINATION ANSWER SCRIPTS :** The FINAL EXAMINATION ANSWER SCRIPTS/FORMS will be released from the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 onwards to students so that students and parents may view the same. **We will not be releasing these to any students who still have OUTSTANDING FEES with the school.**

**OUTSTANDING FEES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR :** We are at a time junction of having gone past ALL DEADLINES for fee payments but we still have a large number of students with outstanding fees. We are urging all parents who have not yet cleared these outstanding fees to do so IMMEDIATELY. Please note that we will not be in a position to provide examination marks, report cards, mid-term assessment scripts, reference letters or any other official documents to students who still have outstanding fees. ALL OUTSTANDING FEES MUST BE PAID WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. RE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR CANNOT BE DONE IF THERE ARE ANY OUTSTANDING FEES. We are grateful to those parents who have paid their outstanding fees and we would like to strongly remind those who have not settled these outstanding fees that as per the regulator policy we will have no choice but to shortly disconnect lessons for fee defaulters who will also not have a place for the next Academic Year 2021-2022.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES BOOK 3 FROM MOE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM IRIS**

**INTERNATIONAL:** Parents who had paid for and ordered MOE Social Studies text books are hereby informed that Book 3 was just released by the MOE and is available for collection from our book distributors. Please use the link on the school website to make an appointment for collection.

**DL SCHEDULE :** The DL Schedule for next week will be uploaded to the school website along with this update. We will be having regular lessons for children and teachers will be covering content to cover any critical gaps in learning so that children may make a smooth transition to the next year. We have also included some interesting celebration events and games and competitions to engage children in the coming weeks.

**BLENDED LEARNING ON SITE:** The school's admin. Staff will be contacting these parents via a telephone call to inform you of timings. This will begin from the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2021.

## **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.

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

Yours sincerely,



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( Principal )

