



OUR REF :

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DATE : Thursday, 6th 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 thirty seven of this Academic Year.

EID HOLIDAYS:

According to the Federal Authority for Government Human resources in the UAE, the Eid Al Fitr break will be from Ramadan 29 to Shawwal 3 as per the Islamic calendar. The 29th of Ramadan corresponds to Tuesday, 11th May 2021. There will be no lessons during the break for Eid Al Fitr.

EID MUBARAK:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Marian Family members a peaceful and blessed Eid. Our prayers are with you all at this special time and we pray that you all enjoy meaningful an quality time with your families. Please remember to stay safe and enjoy the festival in the tranquillity of home and family.

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 6th 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

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 : It is that time of the year when we need to request parents to inform us if your child will be returning for the next Academic Year 2021-2022 and we have provided you with a form which also clearly states the criteria for re-registration. We have included the criteria in this circular as well.

CRITERIA FOR RE-REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

- 1) There should **not be any OUTSTANDING FEES** for the current Academic Year 2020-2021. In case you re-register your child by error but still have outstanding fees, then the AED 500/- which is the re-registration amount will be adjusted towards the OUTSTANDING FEE and **WILL NOT** be considered as a RE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT. In addition, students who have OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS by the end of this year will automatically not be re-registered for the next Academic Year. We strongly urge ALL parents who still have Outstanding Fees to clear these without any further delay.
- 2) Please be informed that even though the KHDA sends out the Parent-School Contract to all parents by default via email, it will not be considered binding even if you sign it, if you still have outstanding fees for your ward.
- 3) Parents will have to pay AED 500/- as a RE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT that will be adjusted with your child's FIRST TERM FEE for the next Academic Year 2021-2022. This amount has to be paid via the SKIPLY APP from the 26th of APRIL 2021 with a FINAL DEADLINE of 15th MAY 2021.
- 4) Please note that once you re-register your child and pay the re-registration amount but then wish to cancel the same, the amount of AED 500/- shall not be refundable.
- 5) Parents who respond that they are not re-registering their child for the next Academic Year 2021-2022 MUST fill out the attached form to apply for a Leaving Certificate that will be issued at the end of this Academic Year.
- 6) For parents who do not fill out the form by 15th May, 2021, we will consider it as a case of non registration for the next Academic Year 2021-2022.
- 7) Kindly fill out this form and scan it and email it back to your child's class teacher along with the scanned SKIPLY receipt for payment of the re-registration amount of AED 500/-.

RELEASE OF MID-TERM ASSESSMENTS AND MID-TERM REPORTS :

The mid-term assessments and mid-term reports have been released to students so that parents may view the same. We have not been able to release the assessments and reports for those students who have any outstanding fees and we would like to remind those parents to kindly settle ALL OUTSTANDING FEES without any further delay. Please also be informed that when fees are paid, the assessments will be released only at the weekends as these processes are not automatic and there are several factors involved.

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 this week 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 disconnect lessons for fee defaulters.

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.

FINAL EXAMINATION PORTIONS and TIMETABLES :

The portions for the final examinations have been uploaded under the relevant Department categories on the school website and Final examination time tables have also been uploaded to the school website at the start of the Spring Break. These have also been attached to the circular regarding rules, regulations and procedures for Final Examinations.

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 closed. 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.

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,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph

(Principal)

