



OUR REF :

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To: **Parents of Students in Years 1-13**

DISTANCE LEARNING FROM 27th APRIL to 1st MAY 2026.

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. We trust that this update finds you all safe and well. Please be assured of our prayers and best wishes for every member of our Marian Family.

Distance Learning will look very different this week due to many children coming to school for in-person learning and therefore spending time orienting them with the new protocols and running smaller drills and larger evacuation drills to ensure that students are well versed with evacuation routes and Assembly Point areas.

This is of course not applicable to children who have opted for online learning.

- School hours are from 7:10 am until 1:50 pm. Please find our lesson timings posted below. Students must be ready by 7:05 am.
- All students **MUST** be present for the morning Registration with their class teachers at 7:10 am sharp on all days and at 7:05 am on Fridays.
- The National Anthem will be played daily and there will be a morning prayer during registration.
- All students **MUST** be present for lessons in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** and in **PE uniform** on days that PE is time tabled.
- During distance learning, attendance will be taken at each lesson, and you will be informed via email if your child has missed certain lessons.
- Some lessons will be live, some Asynchronous and some recorded.
- Please ensure that your child is fully ready with all that they need in terms of the technology as well as their writing materials and textbooks.
- There will be no double lessons.

What happens if there is an emergency alert during lessons?

Firstly, we recommend that as far as it is possible, please try to keep the child's study space away from windows and door. If this is not possible, then you will have already instructed them to move away from doors and windows in the home to a safe space.

Not everyone receives an alert and so if this happens during lessons, teachers are asked to PAUSE, and use the pause to reassure and comfort students based on their age and to use various different approaches that might range from mindful breathing to other calming techniques or even singing a song together and then once the teacher feels that students are sufficiently calm, they will resume the lesson as appropriate.

DISTANCE LEARNING -PHASE WISE

Years 11 and 13: Students of Years 11 and 13 will be sent some work in Mathematics to work on to help them with the next phase of their educational journey. This work has to be turned into GC.

Morning registration will be **MANDATORY** for these year groups for attendance.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS will be having ICT/ Computer Science Revision sessions in the coming week to help them prepare for their ICT/Computer Science Mock Exams in the following week.

Years ONE THROUGH SIX

Monday and Tuesday (27th and 28th April) will be completely Asynchronous days.

Zoom links will now be sent only to the child's email.

The morning registration will be a live session and the first and last lessons will be Synchronous, but these subjects will change daily and not follow the regular timetable. Please note that your child may not be taught by the same teacher who is currently teaching them in class.

Recorded lessons will continue to be sent but to the child's email.

There will be three Asynchronous tasks set in Arabic, Maths and English daily. These will have to be turned into GC.

Years SEVEN AND EIGHT

Monday and Tuesday (27th and 28th April) will be completely Asynchronous days.

Zoom links will now be sent only to the child's email.

The morning registration will be a live session and the first and last lessons will be Synchronous, but these subjects will change daily and not follow the regular timetable. Please note that your child may not be taught by the same teacher who is currently teaching them in class.

There will be three Asynchronous tasks set in Arabic, Maths and English daily. These will have to be turned into GC.

Years NINE AND TEN

Zoom links will now be sent only to the child's email.

The morning registration will be a live session and the first and last lessons will be Synchronous, but these subjects will change daily and not follow the regular timetable. Please note that your child may not be taught by the same teacher who is currently teaching them in class.

Some live lessons may take place between 3:00 and 4:30 pm and children will be notified in GC the previous day.

There will be three Asynchronous tasks set daily. These will have to be turned into GC.

Year TWELVE

Year 12 students who are in the UAE are strongly urged to return to in-person learning, especially considering their core Science practical sessions that cannot be done online.

They are also moving through a rigorous GCE A-Level course, and in-person learning will be the best way forward for them.

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Some live lessons may take place between 3:00 and 4:30 pm and children will be notified in GC the previous day.

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TECHNOLOGICAL AND LEARNING READINESS TO CONTINUE WITH DISTANCE LEARNING

- 1) Please ensure that the latest version of ZOOM is installed on your child's laptop. Zoom will be used for ALL LIVE/SYNCHRONOUS LESSONS
- 2) For Asynchronous lessons, work will be posted in Google Classroom.
- 3) Please ensure that your child has a fully working device with a fully working camera/webcam. The video MUST BE TURNED ON FOR ALL LESSONS. We will remove students whose videos are off. KINDLY ENSURE WORKING TECHNOLOGY. This is for reasons of safeguarding.
- 4) No filming/ photography of any part of a lesson or screen during a lesson or content of a lesson is permitted. Strict action will be taken in accordance with UAE cybercrime laws.
- 5) Parents are requested to check their email daily for important updates from the government and/or the school. We will communicate with you daily if your child has been absent or if your child has not been following the regulations in accordance with online learning.
- 6) **PARENTS MUST INFORM THE CLASS TEACHER VIA EMAIL ONLY, THE PREVIOUS NIGHT if your child is going to be absent the following day.** Please note that this has not been followed by MANY parents and it is a matter of child safeguarding that must be treated very seriously.
- 7) No eating or drinking during lessons. A virtual classroom must be respected in the same way that we respect an on-site classroom. Please talk to your children about this.

- 8) Please reach out to your child's class teacher via email if your child is struggling with anything in particular.
- 9) We strongly advise parents to refrain from exposing students to distressing news and social media which often have unverified and overly sensationalised material that causes more harm than good. Children cannot be treated in the same way as adults, and it is best to stick to familiar routines for them. This helps children feel safe both physically and emotionally.
- 10) Kindly inform your child's class teacher via email if you are currently out of the UAE.

LET US TEACH OUR CHILDREN THAT THE KEY VALUES AT THIS TIME ARE: RESPECT, INTEGRITY, RESILIENCE AND EMPATHY.

It is important that we rely only on verified sources for information in these extenuating circumstances and be supportive of one another.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

