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Thursday, 16th April 2026.

To: **Parents of Students in Years 1 – 13 - RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS**

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. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and wider Marian Family remain our highest priority.

We understand that you will have questions regarding the news of schools re-opening and a return to in-person learning from 20th April. **The reopening of the school is subject to Inspection and approval from the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), and this is fully dependent on the school's readiness and compliance with new safety and security protocols in the light of the current circumstances.**

Before any school can reopen, there are a number of mandatory steps that must now be completed. All staff must be fully trained in the required procedures, and all safety measures must be fully established and tested across the campus. Once this training and procedural work is complete, the school must undergo a formal KHDA compliance inspection to confirm that all mandatory requirements have been met. This is the same mandate for all private schools in Dubai.

Therefore, we are not yet able to confirm a reopening date for students. The KHDA inspection can only be scheduled once all staff training has been successfully completed, and reopening is subject to the school successfully meeting all compliance requirements and receiving formal approval based on these factors. As such, the timeline for reopening remains dependent on the completion of these steps.

This means that until further notice, we will be continuing with distance learning, and we shall update you tomorrow, as we do every Friday about what that will look like for next week. It might be slightly different next week as staff will be on-site as they need to undergo all the safety training with regard to the new protocols for re- opening.

We ask that you continue to ensure that students are attending live lessons and completing assigned tasks, much of which are now revision tasks towards preparation for the Final Examinations. Most of the portions have been completed and revision tasks are being worked on. Please also continue to support your children in being consistent in their learning routines and exam preparation.

For any queries, please contact our Vice Principal via email: L.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org

We thank you for your remarkable appreciation, support and continued partnership during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

