

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I and all the staff at Spectra Global School are really looking forward to seeing all the children again, including our new entrants, and hearing about their adventures.

I am writing to remind you about the arrangements for the beginning of the new academic year. All children are expected to return to school from **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

The staff have worked hard following guidance set out from the Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Education and Higher Education, to ensure that the school is ready for reopening making it a safe and welcoming environment for all.

A new risk assessment has been completed and will be reviewed and regularly updated to mitigate risks of the transmission of the virus.

You will also receive a welcome pack, this week, that will go through certain protocols and procedures at the school, along with new changes for this Academic Year. Further information on the timetable and days of attendance will be shared by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Please find below detailed information about how the school will be organized.

#### **The Health and Safety of our site:**

In order to protect all the members of our school community, we will be limiting interaction between classes as much as possible. Students will be in year group “bubbles” and these groups will not mix at any point during the day. Any interaction between pupils within these bubbles will be minimal and they will only be having regular interaction with children in their own classes. There may be occasions due to the physical layout of the building that children may need to move through their group classrooms or have access to their toilets, but this will be done in a controlled and supervised manner.

#### **Importance of School Attendance:**

All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child’s future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

If children do not attend school regularly, they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children’s ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.

### **Drop off and Pick up times:**

There will be social distancing markings to indicate where children need to stand whilst waiting to be allowed through the gate. Children will be met at the gate by members of the school admin and management team, who will direct children to their classroom doors.

They will be allowed straight into their classrooms where they will be met by their class teachers. At the end of the day, parents are requested to contact their class teacher through ClassDojo to allow the students to come to the Gates for dispersal. The parents will be required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

**Please could I ask for your co-operation by requesting that you do not send children to school too early (before 6:45AM) as this could potentially lead to unsupervised contact between pupils.** When children get to their classrooms, they will be asked one by one to wash/sanitize their hands and place their belongings in the allocated areas.

### **Changes in the school hierarchy:**

To further grow and provide best possible learning for our students, we are implementing subject specialist teachers from Year 3 to Year 6. FS, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue with Homeroom Teachers.

### **Face Masks, Temperature Checking and Ehteraz App:**

Staff and authorized visitors will be allowed to enter the school campus only after checking the color code identifying the individual's health condition in the Ehteraz application, only **green code holders are to be allowed in.**

Staff and authorized visitors should strictly adhere to wearing facemask and following social distancing whilst at school campus.

Parents will be required to show the green status on the Ehteraz application, for their children to be allowed entry to the school. **Students from Year 1 to Year 6 are required to wear face masks at all times.** We encourage you to check your child's temperature at home. Your child's temperature will be checked in school daily.

All visitor's temperature will be checked upon arrival; individuals with a temperature higher than 37.5 °C will not gain access into the school.

### **Spectra Genius Summer Program**

We are thankful for the teachers and the students' efforts, in regard to the summer program. We look forward to see the completed tasks over the summer break. Their work will be marked and will form part of the assessment for Term 1.

### **Young Leadership Program (YLP) with Toastmasters:**

Our KS2 students made the most of the summer break.

Students of Spectra Global School (Age 10 and above) successfully participated in the **Young Leadership Program organized by Toastmasters International.** The Youth Leadership Program is a workshop that enables young people to develop their communication and leadership skills through practical experience.

Thank you to all the students and parents for their support in ensuring they were attending every week throughout the summer. They have indeed acquired lifelong skills that will be extremely beneficial in all aspects of life.

**Assessments from September:**

Every child in the Primary stage will be given a baseline and reading assessment (including Schonell Spelling Test) when they begin school. These assessments will help guide teachers to provide targets to ensure that any gaps are identified as early as possible and where necessary, intervention is provided.

**Library Books:**

We will be looking to make full use of the school library this year – and we have books available as per reading level of the students. Focus will be on engaging and improving student’s literacy with the help of storytelling/role plays.

**Well-being, pastoral and Academic:**

There will be several students who will be nervous and anxious about returning to school after such a prolonged absence from the physical school site. All staff will be spending the first few weeks establishing the ‘new normal’ for children so that they feel secure and confident to be back at Spectra Global School.

Some students may feel worried about their learning and not being able to do their work. This is extremely understandable. We will be carrying out assessments in the first two weeks, giving everyone time to settle down, to identify what support may be needed in order to address any issues.

I look forward to welcoming you all to an amazing new learning experience.

If you have a concern about your child in relation to coming back to school and would like to discuss it ahead of the school reopening, please do not hesitate in emailing me on: [info@spectraschools.com](mailto:info@spectraschools.com)

Best Wishes



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