



17<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## Year 1 Return to School

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good summer break and managed to enjoy making special memories with your families. I am excited that we are able to have students back in the school and on behalf of all the Primary team I extend a warm welcome to both our new and existing families.

Following on from Mr Horne's letter yesterday regarding recent guidance from ADEK, I am writing to provide you with some of the key details in terms of what our return to school will look like in Year 1.

Firstly, any parent who wants their child to have 100% Virtual Learning can still opt for this. Making this decision might be difficult for some of you and we are more than happy for you to try either model in the first few weeks to help you and your child find what works best. Just keep us informed of your intentions and we will adapt accordingly. The remainder of this letter will be concerned with aspects of the returning to school model.

For the first two weeks of term, from August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be running an adapted alternate day model with smaller classes. This will help students settle into school and learn the routines. As per ADEK guidance, which limits the numbers of students in class, students will be taught in groups not whole classes. When not with their class they will have access to virtual learning from home.

Students will be taught in groups of half the class called Group A and Group B. For these first two weeks, Group A will attend school on Sunday and Monday. Group B will attend on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be Virtual Learning for all students with opportunities to have live conference time with their teacher and additional time for specialist lessons.

Students will be allocated to their group based on alphabetical order. This is to support families to ensure siblings are able to attend on the same days. Arrival and collection times will remain as previously planned. Please see the below table and refer to the attached site map.

Year Group	Entry Gate	Building Entrance	Drop off time	Collection Time	Collection Point	Exit Gate
1	6	Elm	7:45am and 8:00am	2:15pm	Primary play ground	7

At the start of the day staff will be on site to support and guide students to the right places. At the end of the day students will line up on the playground and wait to be collected. To make it safe for



all students we have had to allocate time slots for collection to enable suitable social distancing. Please do arrive on time and leave promptly.

Next steps:

- Class teachers will contact you with the specific groupings
- Class teachers will provide a video to help give an insight as to what returning to school will look like
- Class teachers will contact you with specific class equipment for on-site learning
- Class teachers will contact you with details about how to access Virtual Learning

In the meantime, if you have any further questions please use the link below and the class teacher or member of the team will be in touch directly.

<https://fs30.formsite.com/BritishInternationalSchoolAbuDhabi/0orzastfn0/index.html>

We are really looking forward to having a successful term ahead and are really pleased that we can again welcome the students back into school.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Kemp

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