

30<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed a relaxing break. I am writing today with an update regarding the start of Term 2 next week.

We have received confirmation from ADEK this morning that all schools in the UAE are to go to Distance Learning for the first 2 weeks of term. Unless otherwise announced, this means that we will reopen for face-to-face learning on Sunday, 17th January.

I am sorry to share this news with everyone, but we trust that the authorities are making the best long-term decisions for health within the UAE. We have been requested by ADEK to share their phone number should you wish to speak to them directly: 800 2335.

My thanks to all parents who obtained COVID tests in the last few days, this is in addition to all members of staff who have also recently been tested. At this stage, we assume that the tests for Secondary students will continue to be valid for the return to school in 2 weeks' time.

We are very excited to be opening for the new term, even though we will have to wait a little longer until we can all be in the school building again. As ever, we retain the same high expectations for Distance Learning as we would do in school. Your support for ensuring children attend all lessons and continue to do their best is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Horne Principal