



IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus)



| TO: Parents

| DATE: 29/02/2020

SUBJECT	Additional measures to ensure a healthy and safe school environment
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Dear Parents,

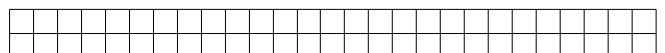
The safety, health and well-being of students and staff is our top priority. Therefore, we would like to update you on all the precautionary measures that we have taken along with our partner government entities since 2 February 2020 to ensure a safe school environment.

Over the past month we have:

- Instructed staff, students and their relatives returning from China or any other country where the virus has spread, to stay at home for a period of 14 days and ensure they are tested prior to returning to school.
- Raised awareness about the virus with school leadership and staff and provided instructional material on preventative measures.
- With the Department of Health, we have trained school nurses and medical staff on how to handle any suspected cases.
- Worked with the Integrated Transport Center to intensify school bus cleaning efforts and ensure that buses are sanitized frequently with the recommended cleaning materials.
- Temporarily suspended nursery operations to protect our young ones as they are sensitive to the chemicals being used in the more rigorous cleaning protocols being implemented.

In addition, we have instructed schools to:

- Suspend all local and international school trips, mass gatherings such as events and conferences.
- Suspend all activities in the swimming pool area.
- Suspend all school assemblies and stagger break times to reduce large gatherings of students.
- Ensure that students and staff with symptoms are not permitted to remain on school grounds to limit any risk of transmission.
- Abide by strict hygiene standards and mandated regular cleaning and disinfection protocols within schools.





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While we are stepping up efforts to ensure that the school environment is safe, we look forward to your support in reinforcing and complementing our efforts through the following measures:

- Some of the most effective measures are in our own hands – you should wash and sanitize them regularly, and keep them away from your face to reduce the risk of infection.
- If your child has any of the following symptoms: fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical care immediately and keep him/her at home until they are cleared to return to school.

We urge you to stay up to date with the latest information about the Novel Coronavirus by visiting the official page of the Department of Health:

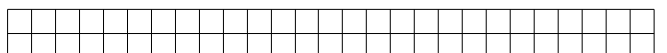
<https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/health-information/Novel%20Coronavirus>

For any medical support or inquiry, please find below the contact details for the related health agencies:

- Estijaba service center (Department of Health) at 8001717
- Ministry of Health and Prevention at 80011111

Thank you for your kind cooperation, continued support and for entrusting the safety of your children to us.

Best regards.





| **TO:** School Principals

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It is important to remain vigilant when it comes to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff.

As a result, we require your support and commitment in complying with the additional precautionary measures specified below to control the spread of the infection in schools in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, starting Sunday, 1 March 2020 until further notice:

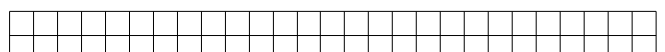
Suspending all activities involving mass student gatherings including

- Trips, events and school competitions inside and outside the school, and between schools and/or other parties.
- School assemblies, however the national anthem should still be played through the speakers at the beginning of every day.
- All after school activities managed by the school or external parties.
- Any activities in the swimming pool area.
- Teacher events and activities between schools or with other parties.
- Participation of students, teachers, and administrative staff in any conferences or events (inside or outside the country).

Please note that all pre-planned trips and related approvals issued previously by ADEK will be considered void.

Reducing the risk of transmission

- All students or staff members with signs and symptoms (sore throat, fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) are strictly required to leave the school grounds. For these instances, no sick leave certificates will be required.
- Stagger student break timings, as much as possible, to limit student physical interaction.
- Increase the distance between student seats in the classroom during class, as much as possible.





Enhancing measures to ensure hygiene through cleaning and disinfection procedures

- Ensure that the official instructions included in the attached "Hand-washing and hand-sanitizing guidelines" from the Department of Health (DOH), are visible and reviewed regularly with students and staff.
- Students and school staff are required to wash/sanitize their hands frequently, especially upon arrival to the classroom, before snack and lunchtimes and after using the bathroom.
- To the extent possible, reduce the number of toys and surfaces that students are exposed to.
- Ensure disinfection and sanitizing procedures cover all areas of the school, especially classes and common areas, as per the attached "Instructions for using hand and surfaces disinfectants" from DOH, and that they are disinfected four times per day using an approved disinfectant.
- Should your school require support to obtain the required sanitizers and disinfectants, contact Mr. Ahmed Al Shamsi at ahmed.alshamisi@adek.gov.ae.
- Ensure awareness of parents, teachers and students on effective ways to prevent infections.

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The health, safety and wellbeing of our students is of our utmost priority, and we will continue to update you as the situation develops.

Thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support.

