

Update from Executive Principal Mr Dean Pyrah

COVID-19

Dear Parents

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, it is important that we keep you informed with latest happenings and updates from government bodies. The school – Academic and Administration matters. These are concerning and unprecedented times. Governments around the world are putting in place measures the world has not seen. I applaud the UAE government and the early and quick approach in this crisis, closing schools, significantly restricting travel, closing public spaces etc.

I strongly advise our community to follow the advice and directives given by the government departments to protect themselves, their families and the wider community. In time this pandemic will pass, however never has there been a more important reminder that if we come together and work together we can help limit the continuing spread.

This week at VISS

This week Administration office will be open at Gate 1 for all inquiries. In line with government requirements we will not be conducting tours, exams or assessments. We are taking the opportunity to do some much needed administrative housekeeping as well as extensive cleaning and disinfecting. We will keep you updated on this as we go!

Reports

Reports will be uploaded to on engage and Managebac on Wednesday 1 April

E-Learning Readiness.

We are in the final stages of preparation for releasing the e-Learning plans to both students and parents. Prior to this some pints

Tips for Parents:

Parents play a central role in ensuring wellbeing and academic success for all students. Keeping students motivated and on task is challenging. Your role and your relationship in many ways will shift slightly from Parent to instructor/learning support or coach. Remember you are not their teacher, however the role you as parent plays is one of the key factors in your child's e-learning journey

- Maintain a positive parent relationship
- Parents set the standard not the student
- Set the boundaries of expectation early
- Develop a home based schedule that allows the time for breaks and to complete the assigned tasks
- Be supportive but directive
- Find a good balance between parent and teacher/supervisor
- Design a realistic home study timetable to meet school expectation
- At times it will be frustrating- model good behaviour, walk away take a break
- Encourage resilience in your child- it will be very easy to say "It's all too hard"
- If your child feels stressed reach out to their teacher for support
- If they are feeling overwhelmed with the programme and situation with COVID-19 and are feeling, daunted by the changes over the last few weeks at home and at school- reach out We will also supply some helpful links

17 March 2020

Workspace

- Create working space separate from “home” space
- A suitable study desk, which is located in a quiet area (preferably outside of the bedroom),
- Avoid any potential distractions
- A printed timetable in the study zone to be sure you and your child know the plan for the day/week
- Device, power and good internet connection

Reducing risk of infection

Keeping healthy is important to reduce risk of infection. Good hand hygiene is still the most effective method of prevention. Regular and thorough hand-washing and use of hand sanitiser is highly recommended to reduce the risk of infection.

Confirmed cases:

If you or a close family member family member has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the school immediately

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Dubai Health Authority call centre at 800342
- Ministry of Health & Prevention at 80011111

The situation is extraordinary and evolving we will continue to monitor and update the community accordingly

Links you may find useful:

FACTS

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.facebook.com/mohapuae/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfEducationUAE/>

https://www.instagram.com/moe_uaestudents/

Self-Isolation

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=196284095010457>

Advice and Tips

www.lighthousearabia.com

<https://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/Aboutus/Pages/COVID->

[19.aspx?v=https://mohaphealthbotprod.azurewebsites.net/](https://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/Aboutus/Pages/COVID-19.aspx?v=https://mohaphealthbotprod.azurewebsites.net/)

As always if you have any concerns please contact us. Keep an eye on our social platforms for regular updates and information.

Stay Safe!



Dean Pyrah

Executive Principal