

Dear Parents,

This correspondence is the first in a series of updates that I intend to send to our community over the coming month, with the intention of keeping you all up to date with our planning for the next academic year.

As we move into the final weeks of term, the attention of the school management has firmly turned to preparing the school for a safe and successful opening on August 30.

As a member of the Sharjah Principal's Council, I had the pleasure this week of participating in two workshops with our partners at SPEA, where we began planning and preparing for multiple scenarios for the new school year. There is a firm agreement amongst this group, of the need to get our wonderful students back into school physically and much of our discussion centered on how schools should plan to welcome students back in a safe manner.

Whilst the final decision about reopening schools has yet to be made at the federal level, I am confident that we will be welcoming our students back to VISS in person in some capacity on August 30. Once we receive the final directives from the Government, I will let you all know immediately what our plans here at VISS are.

In the meantime, we are doing some fantastic work on the ground to rationalize our spaces, and to deep clean the school. We are also looking at detailed movement and space plans, taking into account the highest degree of safety and hygiene in all areas of the school in anticipation of the government's directive.

Next week we will send through a short video of how we are improving and enlarging our teaching spaces to accommodate improved social distancing needs if required. We are also in the process of renovations to parts of our Primary School building that will further enhance our ability to accommodate students in a safe manner.

Dean Pyrah
Executive Principal

