

SCHOOL REOPENING PROTOCOLS

2020-2021



مدرسة بريستين الخاصة
PRISTINE PRIVATE SCHOOL

#BackTogether@Pristine

Dear Parents,

We @Pristine continue to find strength through our dedication and commitment to support our student community to thrive academically, personally and emotionally. We thank you all for supporting one another through these changes through our strong home-school partnership.

Through this newsletter, we intend to provide you information and support which will help you in answering the numerous queries that you might have and assist in smooth transition for your child returning #BackTogether@Pristine.

You must be aware that the school has relentlessly worked throughout the summer to ensure that the campus is meticulously prepared in line with the KHDA health and safety directives.

We are now well prepared to welcome our confirmed Blended learning students from 30th August onwards on the campus and request for your cooperation and understanding. Please once again take note of the staggered reopening dates in the table given below.

Date	Year Group
Sunday, 30 th August 2020	Years 7 – 11
	Years 12 – 13 (AS and A-Level)
Monday, 31 st August 2020	Years 1 – 6
Wednesday, 2 nd September 2020	Foundation Stage 1
Sunday, 6 th September 2020	Foundation Stage 2

As always, we are fully committed to our priority on maintaining high academic standards and we aim at delivering quality learning for both the Distance & Blended learning students. An online/distance learning option continues for families who have requested for it. This is also available for students with significant health concerns or conditions, those with suspected COVID-19 symptoms or children in quarantine.

What's the priority?

The priority is to keep children and staff safe in the school environment and beyond. For this, the school is committed to strict adherence to the 118 Health & Safety protocol directives issued by KHDA.

<https://www.khda.gov.ae/CMS/WebParts/TextEditor/Documents/Schools-Reopening-Protocol-En.pdf>

The recent KHDA compliance visit confirmed the readiness of the school campus to ensure safe reopening. We are ready to share the health and safety processes we have implemented to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and our community. Please view the link given below.

<https://youtu.be/UxXNzQH4-2c>

Although the KHDA health and safety protocols have already been communicated to you earlier, I would once again like to remind you of the following key points which are absolutely **essential** to ensure health and safety for our students and staff.

MANDATORY SAFETY MEASURES

Thermal scanning for all children, staff, and any pre-approved visitors.



Students and staff will be allowed to enter the school premises only if their temperature is below 37.5 degree Celsius. If a student or staff temperature is equal to or above 37.5 degree Celsius after a repeated temperature check, they will not be allowed access to the school premises and will be referred to the school nurse. **Parents are strongly advised to check their child's temperature before leaving the home and not give any temperature masking medication before school.**

Mandatory Wearing of face Masks



Mandatory wearing of face mask for all children (older than 6 years of age), staff and visitors.

Classroom Arrangement and Social Distancing



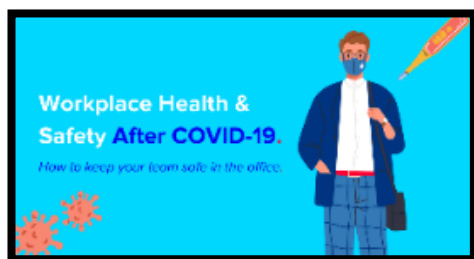
Classroom student strength decreased by an **increase in desk spacing** (1.5 meter between desks). Student movement restricted to other rooms.

Staggered Entry and Exit



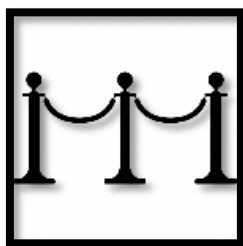
Designated staggered entry and exit points to further support social and physical distancing.

Health and Safety Trainings



Health and safety trainings for Crisis Management Team.

Queue Barriers and Barricades



Queue Barriers and Barricades placed to manage restricted movement of students with social distancing.

Social Distancing display stickers



Social Distancing display stickers placed across the school field, in corridors and common areas. 2m distance stickers placed across the corridors with restrictors to segregate the 2-way movement.

Cleaning and sanitization Stepped up



Sanitization and cleaning procedures in line with relevant authority guidelines. School building is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected by the school cleaning team. Sanitize dispenser across school.

Awareness Posters



Display of awareness posters emphasizing the safety procedures and handwashing.

Travel and Health Declaration



All staff and students to submit a Travel declaration with PCR Test Report from destination country travelled to and from UAE on arrival by all students and staff. Enforcing recommended quarantine periods, wherever necessary (children 12 years and below).

Drop off and Pick up



Only one family member or a guardian will be allowed to enter the school premises for drop off/pick up of their child. People with medical conditions, including the elderly, should not come for drop off and pick up. Parents of years 3 to 13 are not permitted to enter the campus for the student drop off.

No visitor in the campus during school hours



Restriction of parents and visitors from entering the school buildings as mandated by the KHDA unless prior appointment is approved.

Virtual Meetings



All meetings to take place online, unless there is a critical need for one to one meetings which should take place on an appointment by email.

No student or staff gathering



Assemblies will be delivered remotely, and breaks will be in the classroom. Playtimes will be staggered to avoid full cohorts mixing and playing together.

Distance learning Option



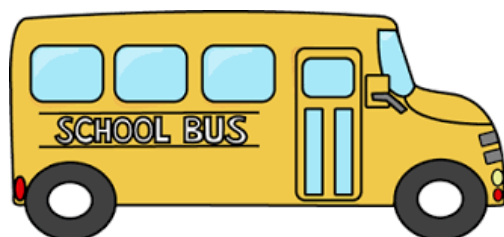
Students with significant health concerns or conditions and those with suspected COVID-19 symptoms or children in isolation or quarantine will have access to online /distance learning option only.

Water Vending Machines



All water dispensers and coolers removed. Water vending machines placed across.

School Transport



Respiratory and hand hygiene, and physical distancing displays in school buses. Guidance for students on safe commute to and from school. Buses will ply with only 50% capacity with each student having a fixed seat allocated.

Students boarding the bus undergo **thermal screening** using infrared contactless temperature screening device by caregivers on the bus.

Personal Hygiene



Students uniform should be washed daily. Shoes and bags to be sanitized.

Sickness/ symptoms during school Hours



- Sick students will be separated and isolated in a separate room (**Isolation Room**)
- Parents/caregivers will be immediately informed and **health authorities (DHA and school health Department)** consulted
- Students/staff may need to be referred directly to a health facility, depending on the situation/context, or sent home.

COVID positive case

- DHA protocols followed
- **Contact Tracing Process** carried out by the school clinic
- All contacts will be asked self-isolate and closely monitor their symptoms.
- They will only be permitted into the premises on a **PCR negative report** is received.

PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY AND EXIT, DROP OFF AND PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

The on-campus days for the students are Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. On Tuesday, all students will receive only distance learning.

The following table further provides a comprehensive detail of the school timings and entry/exit procedures.

BL / Own Transport	FS (Shift 1)	FS (Shift 2)	Y1 - Y2	Y3 - Y6	Y7 - Y8	Y9 - Y11	Y12 - Y13
Gates Open - Time	7:00AM	11:30AM	7:00AM	7:00AM	7:00AM	7:00AM	9:00AM
Start of Day - Entry Gate	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 3 (Students Only)	Gate 4 (Students Only)	Gate 4 (Students Only)	Gate 3 (Students Only)
Start of Day - Drop off Exit Gate for Parents	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Classes Start Time	7:30AM	12:00 PM	7:30AM	7:30AM	7:30AM	7:30AM	9:00AM
Classes End Time	10:30AM	3:00PM	12:50PM	12:50PM	12:50PM	12:40PM	3:00PM
End of Day - Pick Up Entry Gate for Parents	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 2	Gate 2	Gate 2	Gate 2	Gate 3
End of Day - Exit Gate for Students and Parents	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 1	Gate 3
End of Day - Out Pass Students Exit Gate	N/A	N/A	Gate 4	Gate 4	Gate 4	Gate 4	Gate 4

PROCEDURES FOR PARENT MEETINGS

- Meetings with parents, by appointment only, will take place online.
- Only critical meetings, made by prior appointment, may be held in school.
- Any visitor attending school for a pre-booked meeting or appointment will enter the school via thermal camera scanner and undergo all necessary checks and personal data collection for contact tracing prior to entry.
- Social distancing rules will apply, masks must be worn

IF THE SCHOOL HAS A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

- In case a child is a suspected of COVID-19, the PPS COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be applied, with the child/staff member isolated in the dedicated isolation room for observation and assessment.
- Parents will be notified to collect their child for further medical assessment. Relevant authorities will be informed where necessary. The child will not be permitted into the campus unless a COVID negative report is produced by a relevant authority.
- If COVID-19 is confirmed, contact tracing will begin and actions taken with close contacts.
- This may include self-isolation or quarantine at home, in which case online distance learning would be made available. Should school be forced to close for any reason, online distance learning will resume for all children.

SCHOOLS PREPAREDNESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE WELLBEING OF PUPILS WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19.

If a child is suspected to have, or found to be COVID-19 positive, or has a family member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, then all isolation and quarantine protocols will be applied and the child should switch to Distance learning immediately. The parent must inform the school immediately if a close relative or contact is tested positive.

Our Health and Safety Officer, and Counsellors along with the Special Education teachers will ensure that mental health and wellbeing remain a top priority for all children. All information will remain highly confidential to protect the child.

SUPPORT TO STUDENT OF DETERMINATION

Face to face support for SEND children will remain in case if they have chosen blended learning with dedicated staff members supporting individuals and groups through a range of strategies, such as pre-learning, live support, and regular dedicated feedback. Staff will wear the face shields, masks and gloves during the support session. In case of SEND

students who have opted for distance learning required support will be provided virtually through Zoom and MS team meetings.

Managing Transitions

Every September, teachers and parents are tasked with managing back-to-school transitions. For parents, usually this means shopping for or gathering school supplies, and help children manage back-to-school excitement or worries. But in these exceptional pandemic situations, the start of school is very different.

Step-Up September: At school, we want every child to be happy and confident about learning, be it physically or remotely. As part of transition, a comprehensive Transition Unit with exciting learning opportunities will set the spark of learning. By having effective plans in place, we minimise disruption, confusion and uncertainty for our children and students.

Breadth and Depth of Learning

We will continue to strive to provide our children to an education that provides learning of breadth and depth. We want our children and students to be able to see the world through many lenses through learning acquired beyond the academic curriculum.

Breadth means learning that covers not just knowledge but skills and understanding of the broad academic curriculum which includes all subjects for study. Breadth also means learning beyond the academic. We are working hard to develop young people We want our children and students to be 'compassionate global citizens'

Depth means having the opportunity to explore all of the breadth in detail. We want our students to become thinkers, who reflect and respond with deeper understanding, and be future ready to confidently take their place in and help to develop their world over the future years.

I sincerely look forward to your support and trust that all the efforts that the school administration has taken will result in successful and smooth resumption of lessons on campus.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Shagufta Kidwai
Principal