



Thursday 27th August 2020

RE: Primary Update

Dear WSO Primary Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits with the return to school imminent. All of the staff are extremely excited to welcome back our students next week. Additionally, we will be welcoming new students and families to the school for the first time; we are so excited that you will be joining our community.

Since my last correspondence with you two weeks ago, the Primary School has transformed and is now ready to officially re-open. The site has undergone some changes to ensure health and safety procedures are followed carefully. The thermal cameras are installed and in use, new signage has been placed on the walls as well as over 300 new sanitizer dispenses! Also, dots have been placed on the floor to ensure social distancing can be followed and to provide the quickest route for students to their classroom. All of these changes, plus more, are so important to ensure the health and safety of our students, teachers and parents.



This week we also welcomed back all of our staff, which has been such a positive experience. It has been 6 months since the last day we were all at school and to see everyone's positive attitude, enthusiasm and smiles (under their masks!) has been fantastic. We are all now coming together to get the learning environment ready for next week. Yesterday, all of our teachers had a COVID-19 test from the Dubai Health Authority as an added precaution for our reopening. Additionally, all meetings between teachers and departments are taking place virtually as another added precaution.



Last week, there were 8 parent Q and A Zoom meetings with our Assistant Principals, one for each year group, which explained the specific re-opening procedures. All 8 of these meetings were recorded, and if you were unable to attend them, you will find links below which take you to the recordings.

[FS1](#)
[Year 3](#)

[FS2](#)
[Year 4](#)

[Year 1](#)
[Year 5](#)

[Year 2](#)
[Year 6](#)

[WSO Academy YouTube Channel](#)

On Thursday 20th, all parents were emailed and informed of their child's class teacher and induction information. We hope you enjoyed seeing a video welcome from the teacher as well as reading their profile. Other attachments in that email included induction dates (when your children start), and a uniform and equipment checklist.

Class teachers will be contacting parents directly via email today to welcome you to their class. As part of this welcome email, they will be sharing with you the procedure to sign up for an optional 1-to-1 'Meet the Parent' consultation which will take place next week, before the children start. We encourage that these meetings take place virtually, however we can accommodate meetings on site if booked in advance. We have not had these meetings before, however we have added in this extra layer of support to ensure you and your children feel as confident as possible coming back into the school.

We are very pleased to share with you our most up to date 'Primary Re-opening Guide for Parents' document. This has been put together carefully to ensure you have all of the required information needed for our return. Please do familiarise yourself with it and we hope it helps.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to share with you a link to the 2019/20 Electronic Year Book! Having looked through it recently, it really reminds us all of the amazing experiences we are all a part of at WSO. Please share this with your children as I'm sure it will bring back some positive memories of last year.

[Click Here](#) for the 2019/20 Year Book

Finally, you will have received an email from the school with regards to submitting declaration forms. Please can you print and sign the KHDA form that was sent, and ensure it comes to school with your child on their first day. Secondly, please do fill in the online DHA declaration form by [clicking here](#), and using the school email address of contactus_wso@gemsedu.com

As always, thank you for your continued support. For those of you on Instagram, please do follow @primary_principalwso for frequent updates from Primary.

Stay safe, and see you soon!

Kind Regards

Nathan Sadler

Primary Principal

