



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AIN KHALED CAMPUS

Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.

COVID - 19 FAQ

Although we know it is impossible to completely eradicate risk, it is still possible to implement systems to reduce risk. Please find below a number of FAQs relating to our reopening in September 2020.

1) What will school look like at the start of the new academic year?

We have acted on guidance from the ministry, school will reopen on a 3 stage approach from 1st September 2020

- Stage 1 - 1/3 of students will be in school from 1st -3rd September
- Stage 2 - A bespoke timetable where students will receive 50% Online line learning and 50% in school learning from the 6th September - 17th September
- Stage 3 - 20th September - Full 100% school learning

The focus of the first few weeks will be on health and safety and making sure all students are inducted into our new school routines to ensure everyone's safety. Our students social and emotional well being will be a priority to help them come to terms with what has been a difficult period. Teachers will get to know their new students and get a sense of where they are at academically in order to plan accordingly. Our plan is to minimise disruption to learning as much as possible so students feel safe and secure on their return to school.

We are planning for this approach for the start of the school term, however this is constantly under review.

2) How will the school keep my child/children safe whilst in school?

- DBS staff have been preparing new procedures and protocols to make the school as safe as possible.

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- All staff, students (over the age of 12 years) and visitors must be able to show an up-to-date green status on the EHTERAZ app on their phones upon entry to the school building
- Students, staff and visitors will be screened upon entry to the premises. Any persons showing a high fever or symptoms (in line with WHO guidelines) will not be allowed onto the premises
- Students and staff will be asked to wash their hands for 30 seconds/use steriliser when they arrive at school, when you visit the toilet and again at the end of the school day.
- Always observe 1.5m distance and avoid social gatherings in the foyer and other areas
- Hand sanitisers will be available in all key areas where students and adults will attend. These will be continually refilled as needed. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly
- Staff and visitors will be required to wear masks in common areas/classrooms when on school premises
- Social distancing protocols will be managed in line with the appropriate guidance, in classrooms and common areas
- Students will not be permitted to gather in groups inside the school premises (including play areas). Students will go directly to classrooms and exit the school directly after the end of the school day
- Collective activities such as assemblies and extra-curricular activities will not take place

3) What cleaning routines will be implemented in school to ensure the site is suitable for children to return?

- Hygiene and deep cleaning is our highest priority. In addition to the normal routine of cleaning every day and deep cleaning at the weekend, we will implement additional deep cleaning protocols. The school will be zoned and deep cleaning will take place on an hourly basis.
- The school management at all levels will be conducting regular daily checks.

4) What will classrooms look like when students return?

- All desks to be arranged so that no student is facing another and where possible 2 pupils per desk separated by the length of the desk;
- The teacher should operate from the front and not move from the area immediately around the desk:
- Students should not approach the teacher's desk;
- Once a seat has been designated then that is where that pupil will sit at all times;
- Where possible all primary and secondary pupils will remain in the one classroom for all lessons. The teacher will move around from room to room.

- Students should be sat at the maximum distance from each other, as the room allows.

5) What if there is a suspected COVID-19 case in school?

- Any student who shows signs of illness during the school day, while on-site, should be immediately escorted by a member of staff to the 'Isolation Room' and the School Nurse needs to be contacted.
- The class attended by the suspected sick student should remain isolated in their classroom until given the all-clear by the School Nurse.
- The School Nurse will carry out a health screening on the student in the isolation room.
- If Covid-19 symptoms are determined, then the student should remain in the 'Isolation Room' and their parents contacted to remove the student from the school, and will be instructed to take them to an appropriate authority health clinic for further observation and testing.
- If Covid-19 symptoms are determined, then the school should initiate processes for all students in the child's class and their teacher to remain in classroom isolation and return home for self-quarantining until the suspected student receives results from virus testing.
- If Covid-19 symptoms are determined, then the isolation room and the child's classroom will be disinfected immediately after exit from the school of the student and the child's class.

6) How will the school manage the flow of students on site at anyone time?

- All corridors will have a direction arrows on either side showing that all pupils, teachers and visitors must **KEEP TO THE RIGHT** at all times;
- There will be clear signage displayed throughout the school. Social distancing 1.5m rule, Hand washing, no groups, restrictions on the number of students using the toilets at any one time
- While walking around school or talking to others, social distancing of at least 1.5m should take place.

7) What entrance/exit should students use?

Primary:

- Pre-school, Reception and Year 6 children enter and exit through the side gate
- Year 1 and 2 to enter and exit through front gate;
- Years 3, 4 and 5 to enter and exit through the rear gate;

Secondary:

- Years 7, 8 to enter and exit through the side gate
- Years 9 and 10 to enter and exit through the back gate
- Years 11, to enter and exit through the front gate;

6th Form:

- Sixth Form students to enter and exit through the front gates and make their way to the 6th form centre;

8) Can I still visit the school?

During this period we will not be encouraging visitors to the school site. If you wish to contact your child's teacher we would encourage you to do so through the normal lines of communication, either via email or by phone.

9) What items can my child bring to school?

Students must bring their own stationary to school and must not share any items with any other students.

Students should not bring large bags full of items that they don't need for that day and must only have what they need for the lessons that are taking place on the day.

Lockers will not be available for the first few weeks of school in September so that we can further minimise the risk of spreading infection.

Personal devices, such as phones or tablets, should be kept securely in pockets or bags and must not be used on the school premises; this is also to further minimise the risk of spreading infection.

10) What will my child do at lunchtime ?

We will not be operating our usual lunchtime arrangements for phase 1 and phase 2 of school in order to minimise the risk of spreading infection; students are encouraged to bring packed lunches only to school, which they will eat in designated areas. During phase 3 we will be offering restricted access to the canteen.

11) Do students need to wear their school uniform?

Yes, although parents must also ensure that items are not worn for more than one day
If Primary School students have PE they are to come to school in their PE kit

12) What will breaktime look like?

Students will still have breaks, but they must stay with members of their own class for the first few weeks.

13) How will parents be kept updated on how things are going in school?

Senior members of staff will communicate to parents on a weekly basis in the first instance via the usual means of communication.

14) What if my child can not return to Qatar?

Children who are unable to return to Qatar for the start of the new academic year will receive home learning support on a case by case basis. Please note that visa/QID issues and border closures are the only reasons DBS will accept for prolonged absence.

