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To the Parents of Students at Kuwait National English School

Dear Parents,

All our Staff and I would like to welcome you to the Academic Year 2021/2022 at Kuwait National English School. We are working very hard and strongly believe that our students are having a rewarding educational experience. Kuwait National English School continues to strive to improve our standards. Please find on the next page some of the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health for the safe reopening of schools in Kuwait.

Thank you for your continued focus on academics, citizenship, and activities. Our partnership with parents is something we truly value at Kuwait National English School. I would like to encourage you to continue to play a very active part in the learning of your child.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education guides for the reopening of school on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**

### **Protected and Preventive strategies from the Government:**

- Vaccination is the best protection.
- Ventilation (ventilation is extremely important – air conditioner & open windows.
- Thorough cleaning and disinfecting.
- Hand hygiene – Regular washing of hand, Hand rubbing with hand sanitisers.
- If somebody is sick- better and safer to stay home.
- If a case is confirmed, contact tracing must be carried out.

### **Entrance of KNES students in the morning:**

#### **Vaccination of KNES students:**

- **Students who are 12 years old and above:**
  - Must be fully vaccinated and produce the vaccination certificate.
  - If not vaccinated, the students must do a PCR test every week. PCR test is valid for 6 days.
  - If the student had covid, the student is exempted for PCR test for 28 days (after the date of covid confirmation)
- **Students who are below 12 years old:** PCR test is not required.

### **Steps and procedures to allow students in classes:**

- The temperature of the student will be taken at the gate.
- Students will not be allowed in school if:  
Their temperature is above 37°C, they have severe cough, diarrhoea, blue lips, and mental confusion.
- 7 Gates – students will enter the school using seven different gates.
- Random inspection and covid testing will be carried out by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

### **Classroom:**

- In the classrooms Social distancing will be maintained. (Desk will be placed 1 metre apart).
- Adequate Ventilation: Air Conditioning in each classroom and regular opening of the windows.
- In every classroom there is a supply of masks and disinfectants.

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## **Wearing of masks:**

Students under 5 years old are not required to wear mask (for EYFS students, mask is not required)

Students above 5 years old must wear mask (Year 1 and above must wear mask)

Teachers will also be wearing mask all day

## **Restriction in the use of school facilities:**

**Corridor, stairs and hallway:** Arrow and covid-19 safety posters have been placed outside of classroom.

**Disinfecting the school:** The school premises is disinfected regularly.

**Computer:** Secondary students will be asked to bring their own laptop.

**Breaks:** Breaks are allowed. (Ensure physical distancing)

**Laboratories:** Laboratories will be opened (must maintain social distancing and ventilation)

**Music Room:** Music room will be closed. (No whistling)

**Library:** The use of the library is allowed but social distancing is required. Books used by students will be kept for 24 hours before reuse.

**Praying room/Mosque:** Praying room will be opened (must maintain social distancing and ventilation)

## **Physical Education:**

- Preference will be to do P.E. outdoor or in big KNES indoor gymnasium.
- Students are allowed to play basketball, football.
- Must maintain social distancing and ventilation.
- No events/Activities/tournaments will be allowed
- If P.E. lessons are held in classroom, social distancing and ventilation will be maintained.

## **Meeting with parents/Communication with parent:**

- It will be preferable to hold meetings with parents online.
- In person meeting will take place by appointment only.
- If meeting parents, parents must produce a negative PCR test done 72 hours prior to the meeting.

## **Preventive measures: (Early identification of covid-19 is important to prevent spreading)**

- If a student has symptoms of Diarrhoea, vomiting, mental confusion, blue lips, the student will be taken to the nurse (not the isolation room!).
- If the student had been sick, the student needs to bring a medical document from a doctor stating that the student is safe to come back to school – no need for PCR test but a medical report is important.
- The doctor's medical report/evaluation is required within 48 hours.
- If the nurse finds the temperature of the student too high, the student cannot breathe, the lips of the student is blue – the nurse will inform the parents and the child needs to be taken to the isolation room and eventually to the hospital by the parent.

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## **Kuwait National English School Covid team:**

- KNES Covid team will:
- implement the decision of the Ministry of Health (operational centre)
  - increase awareness for students and staff
  - keep a weekly record of unvaccinated students and staff.
  - keep the medical report indicating the end of isolation.
  - provide a daily report of absences due to covid to the Ministry.
  - provide report of vaccination. (Fully vaccinated/partially vaccinated/no vaccination).
  - report any confirmed cases with Civil ID to the emergency room of the Ministry of Health

## **Note:**

1. If there is one case of covid in a class, the class will be closed for 10 days. The students will be sent home at the end of the school day with a note for the parents. Teacher will be teaching online for 10 days.
2. If there is more than 20% of covid cases in a class, the class needs to be closed for 10 days.
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4. If a group of classes (a colort) is affected, school will be closed for 10 days for the whole cohort. Teaching will be teaching online for the 10 days.
5. During the 10 days of online teaching:
  - The students should avoid contact with older people.
  - The students are not under quarantine/isolation.
  - The students can carry on with his/her activities as usual.
  - The students are not on slonik
  - The students can travel.(Close contact – spending 15 minutes or more with somebody.)

## **Joint Operation Centre of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health:**

The Joint Operation Centre will receive all suspected case among students and staff. If the case was confirmed within 48 hours inside the class, tracing will be required.

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