

This email is sent on behalf of Principal, Fatima Martin

Dear Parents,

We are in a liminal space, one that we didn't foresee coming a month ago, or even a couple of weeks ago. Yet, here we are, physically distanced and doing all that we can, while we wait in hope that, This Too Shall Pass. This email is to update you on the progress so far that we have made and to orient you on what to expect in the coming week.

Over the last week, up until an hour ago today, we have been connecting with parents for different reasons:

1. Remote meetings to discuss the end of school year attainment (2019-20): Personal phone calls from teachers to parents.
2. Online training for parents (grades 3, 4, 5 and 6) to understand our Virtual Learning Platforms/Environments (VLE): Microsoft Teams and Phoenix Classroom are already completed. The rest of the grades have online trainings slotted between tomorrow and Saturday. So, by Sunday, all parents will be trained on use of these VLEs.

Remote Learning for the new school year, 2020-21, begins on 1st April 2020.

By Sunday, you will receive the Remote Learning Plan, specific to your child's grade from the Head of Section / Homeroom Teacher.

Further, there will be grade wise orientation, via Microsoft Teams, in the coming week, so we can throw light on the nature of learning when we go live from 1st of April.

Dates for orientation will be shared in this email by your child's Homeroom Teacher.

Meanwhile, the school's Remote Learning Plan, which provides you an overview and the big picture is here for you to take a read.

Click on this link: <https://www.gemsnewmillenniumschool-alkhail.com/learning/remote-learning-plan-nms/>

We have been thinking of all possible scenarios, you parents will encounter, when we begin the online remote learning. Especially, in the younger grades, if both parents are working.

In this regard, you will be at ease to know, that

For Pre-K to Grade 2, Starting 1st of April until 9th of April, lessons will be from 5 pm to 8 pm.

So, parents will be at home and can supervise your child's learning when the teacher is facilitating them online.

From 12th of April, the sessions will shift to morning.

You will receive more details regarding the timings etc., from your child's homeroom teacher.

For Grade 3, lessons will be from 5 pm to 8 pm, on 1st and 2nd April.

From 5th of April, the sessions will shift to morning.

From Grade 4 above, up until Grade 12, all lessons will be in the morning, starting 1st of April.

PACT: Afterschool activities

PACT for Grades 3 to 8, will begin week starting 5th of April. The sessions (if online), will be appropriately planned for intent and purpose. It will run from 2.45 to 3.45 pm.

PACT for Grades 1 and 2, will begin week starting 12th of April and the timings will be from 2.45 to 3.45 pm.

Detailed email regarding PACT will come to you on Sunday, so you can make the choice of activity online.

The PACT coordinator for primary is Ms Deepti Arora and for middle school is Ms Stella Laus.

And with so much happening our students are contributing their bit to the community, the NMS community and the wider community.

Please do follow the school on social media, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to read these heartwarming stories.

Here's a website developed by Arshia, of Grade 6, to draw awareness to the COVID-19.

<https://arshiachauhan26200.wixsite.com/coronavirus-site>

CBSE Board Exams for Grades 10 and 12 (Batch of 2019-20) are put on hold until 31st of March.

For NMS, all Grade 10 students completed their exams. So, we don't have any disruption in Grade 10.

However, 2 subjects are pending for Grade 12 students.

Saturday, 21st March: Computer Science

Tuesday: 24th March: Business Studies

We await information from CBSE on the rescheduled dates.

Online Quran Recitation lessons for Muslim Students: PQRS

Perfecting Quran Recitation Skills, is an initiative by the Islamic Studies department to ensure that Quran Recitation is offered as online lessons, from 22nd to 26th of March.

These classes have been very successful, and we will continue with the PQRS initiative even as we go forward.

We will continue to ensure that our students receive the best of online educational experience and learning as is synonymous with NMS.

We continue to pray for global mercy and the well-being of all us.

Stay Safe. Stay Blessed.

#InThisTogetherDubai

#HappinessCannotBeQuarantined

Kind Regards,

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