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To the entire school community of the DBST

Tehran, 19th August 2020

Dear All,

Hoping you and your families had a chance to enjoy your summer holidays, we are glad to inform you that the school management team has spent this entire time planning and preparing a thorough and detailed safety protocol for the new school year. The school has done everything necessary to make in-person, hybrid and remote learning available. We had student safety and education as our top priority when making and executing the following decisions:

- Hygienic tools and regulations for highest safety of students and staff inside the school
- Digital educational tools as well as the continuous development of concepts to face all type of upcoming challenges
- Staggered opening

As we all have witnessed the entire world struggling since the start of the pandemic with the effects specially on our children's social and education life, we all agree that education through distance learning alone can only partially fulfill our children's needs. These times have been challenging for our students (specially the younger ones), our parents and our teachers and we could only overcome them through understanding, patience and hope for a better future, and above all, effective co-operation between all parties involved.

Having said that, the DBST will restart in a 3 step manner, with phase 1 of the re-opening happening on the 31.8.2020 where only a certain number of chosen classes can physically attend. The reason for this phased re-opening plan is to ensure that everyone coming back to school will have an equal opportunity to learn, respect and experience the new hygiene regulations as well as the latest learning concepts in a well-controlled environment.

Hygienic plan put together with the school medical consultants:

- Temperature sensing camera at the school entrance
- Disinfection tools at all school points
- Trained staff to support and guide the children at all times
- Installation of ventilators in some areas to ensure fresh air
- All class tables equipped with Plexi Glass
- The entire school will be once again disinfected few days before re-opening
- All classes will remain only in contact with their own classmates during class/break/lunch with appointed bathrooms for each class
- Wearing a mask is mandatory for everybody entering the school at all times
- Respecting the social distancing of staying 1.5 meters apart at all times





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- Food is being prepared under special hygiene protocols
- Lunch being served in the classrooms
- Mandatory PCR test result certificate for all students and staff
- Waiting area for parents restricted only to the drop-off/pickup area at the entrance with usage of coffee shop services in the open-air area
- Punctual drop-off/pickup is crucial and should be taken seriously

Digital education:

- Additional high capacity internet available to all students and teachers in the entire school
- All classes equipped with Hybrid hardware tools such as beamers/loudspeakers/microphones to be able to face any scenario
- All teachers and students will have access to the digital software appointed to them
- All teachers have received school tablets
- All teachers have been participating in training in new digital teaching concepts and tools
- All devices have data privacy for digital learning

Staggered Opening

Please see attached the list of classes starting on 31.8.2020 that will need to be physically present at school. The remaining classes will start on 31.8. with online learning and will follow in a 2nd and 3rd step which you may find on the attached list as well.

In the coming week, the parents of the 1st step school re-opening will receive another information letter with the lesson times and a declaration of consent. Please sign and return this declaration of consent to the administration before school starts.

Exception: Please note that in-person classes are canceled if the Iranian government strictly announces a Tehran-wide ban on re-opening of schools.

On re-opening of the school the students will experience new disciplines, regulations and learning concepts to which they will need to adopt in a well-controlled environment. We thank you in advance for your support in effectively practicing these changes and will no doubt be able to overcome any challenges with your help of course.

Sincerely,

H. Pröm
(Principal)

