

## DIS Primary (Year 1 to Year 6) - Distance Learning

Dear DIS Parents,

I hope you are all safe and well.

If you have opted for your child to begin the academic year via the distance learning model, we would like to inform you of our child-focused plan for the delivery of lessons. We will be running a combination of synchronous and asynchronous lessons to help your child receive the full benefits of the DIS Primary curriculum and community spirit.

**Synchronous** – All core subject lessons (English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, Arabic and Islamic) will be taught via a live video stream from your child's class teacher(s). Live lessons will be scheduled via the Microsoft Teams application and the lesson activities will be completed via the Seesaw application (TEAMS for Year 6). On occasion, teachers will provide external links to other websites/applications (Nearpod, SMART Notebook, Century Tech, Accelerated Reader etc.) that can be accessed during or after live lessons. In addition, PE will also be delivered as a live session.

Children in school will be shown the exact same content in a physical classroom as the children working virtually via distance learning. Children on distance learning will be able to hear the class teacher and will be presented opportunities to join in with class discussion and feedback.

It is the expectation that **ALL** children, both on site and off, should attend these lessons at the scheduled time and wear school full school uniform. However, we are aware that in some instances this may not always be feasible. As such, all live lessons will be recorded and saved on Teams in the relevant area.

**Asynchronous** – The wider curriculum lessons of Performing Art, MFL and Computing will be taught via the Seesaw application (Year 1 to Year 5) or the Microsoft Teams application (Year 6). Initially, this will be in the form of recorded material and pre-planned resources. Pre-recorded material will contain video/audio tutorials and plenty of supportive content to ensure they can get the most out of the curriculum. Again, your child will be receiving the same content as the children in the physical classroom.

Please be advised that this may be open to change, as we are constantly working on the best solutions to provide child-focused, quality first teaching always.

There is an option for parents to contact teachers via the relevant platforms should there be any queries with regards to the learning. Teachers will endeavor to respond to all work and parental messages within the relevant time frame below.

- **Teacher response to parental messages via Seesaw or Teams to be within a 24-hour time period.**
- **Teacher response to marking work on Seesaw or Teams to be within a 48-hour time period.**

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## Distance Learning – Week Commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- All distance learning students **who are new to the school** are scheduled to attend a live *Microsoft Teams* session with their class teachers at the below time:

Year Group	Timing
Year 6	9:00 – 9:30
Year 5	10:00 – 10:30
Year 4	11:00 – 11:30
Year 3	12:00 – 12:30
Year 2	13:00 – 13:30
Year 1	14:00 – 14:30

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

- All distance learning students who are scheduled to begin school on the Monday (Years 1 and 6) **must** be online at **7:50am** to attend their morning register session live on *Teams*.
- There will be a further two **compulsory** live *Teams* sessions with their class teacher and their new class at **10:30am** and **1:30pm**.
- There will also be designated activities on *Seesaw* (Year 1 to Year 5) or *Teams* (Year 6) for the students to complete throughout the day.

### Tuesday to Thursday

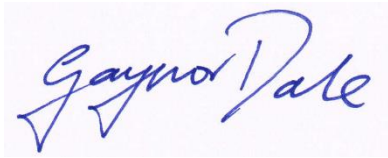
- All distance learning students are now scheduled to begin school. They all **must** be online at **7:50am** to attend their morning register session live on *Teams*.
- A timetable will be sent out informing the students of their synchronous (live) lessons and asynchronous (pre-recorded) lessons for the remainder of the week.

As stated above, the asynchronous lessons are subject to change depending on the feedback from students, parents and staff. Please keep an eye on the student timetable and on *Seesaw* or *Teams* for updates as the week progresses.

**Please remember** - Information on how to sign into the school *Microsoft Teams* account with the school office 365 credentials can be found [here](#).

Information on how to sign into the school Seesaw account (as an existing user) can be found [here](#). Please be advised that all students (new and returning) will be provided with their new log in details once their new Seesaw classes have been set up.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We are all in this together.



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