

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

1. The school safety and hygiene committee, consisting of the vice principal and the heads of sections and headed by the school nurse, will strictly implement all safety measures against COVID-19.
2. All persons entering school will have their temperature scanned at one of the school gates and will not be allowed entry if the temperature is 37.50°C or above or if they show COVID-19 symptoms (**cough, body ache or fatigue, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea and nausea, headache, or loss of sense of smell or taste**).
3. All persons above 6 years of age entering school are required to wear a face mask.
4. Parents/Guardians are kindly advised to check their children's temperature and look for COVID-19 symptoms (**cough, body ache or fatigue, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea and nausea, headache, or loss of sense of smell or taste**) before sending them to school to avoid any problems.
5. Learners should arrive to school between 7:30am and 8:00am and must adhere to all safety measures (face masks, social distancing, etc.).
6. A parent/guardian should not move from the drop-off point until the learner's temperature is taken and the learner is clear for entry.
7. Learners using the morning bus service, if offered, will have their temperature scanned before entry to the bus. Anyone with a temperature of 37.50°C or above will not be allowed on the bus.
8. All staff members/learners should bring their own sanitizing gel/spray.
9. Classroom areas will maintain 1.5m physical distancing between learners at all times.
10. Learners should adhere to the 1.5m physical distancing at all times, particularly on stairs, in the corridors and at the lockers.
11. All staff members should adhere to the 1.5m physical distancing.
12. The number of learners using the same toilet facilities at the same time will be limited to avoid crowding.
13. Learners will not be allowed to share or borrow stationery unless authorized by the teacher and items sanitized before borrowing.
14. Equipment requiring blowing will not be used.
15. Departure from school will be sequential. Learners will follow the teachers' directions.
16. Parents/Guardians who enter school (only one per family) to pick up young learners will only be allowed in school for 10 minutes. They should stay in the designated pick-up area only and should adhere to all safety and distance precautions.
17. All deliveries will be assigned outside school hours, i.e. after learners leave school; otherwise, delivered items will be dropped at the school gate.

18. If a learner is absent for two days, a medical report detailing the cause of absence must be submitted to the school nurse.
19. If a learner is on permanent medication, the school nurse must be informed accordingly.
20. If a learner has an allergic disease with symptoms similar to those of COVID-19, a medical report detailing the case must be submitted to the school nurse to avoid confusing the allergy with COVID-19.
21. If a learner/staff member has a temperature of 37.50°C or above or shows symptoms of COVID-19 (**cough, body ache or fatigue, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea and nausea, headache, or loss of sense of smell or taste**) during school hours,
 - the learner will be immediately isolated in the designated isolation room,
 - parents/guardians of the learner will be notified and requested to pick him/her up immediately as well as seek medical advice from a COVID-19 specialist, and
 - the staff member will be requested to go home.

The learner/staff member will not be allowed back to school until the PCR test result is obtained. The school will not cover the cost of the PCR test.

- i) If the PCR test result is negative and the learner/staff member does not show any COVID-19 symptoms, he/she can return to school.
 - ii) If the PCR test result is negative and yet the learner/staff member still shows any COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will have to redo the PCR test after 5 days to confirm the negative result.
 - iii) If the PCR test result is positive, the learner's parent-guardian/the staff member should inform the school nurse immediately. The parents/guardians of directly involved learners will be informed and asked to monitor their children. Directly involved staff members will be informed and put under observation by the nurse.
22. In case of learners returning from abroad, the school will follow either of the two scenarios below to implement COVID-19 safety measures:
- Scenario 1 (Yellow): The school must be provided with a negative PCR test before allowing the learner to return to school. To speed up the airport's PCR result, the parent/guardian can contact the Ministry of Health at 81-940924 or 1784 and ask that a pdf copy of the PCR result be sent by WhatsApp to his/her mobile.
 - Scenario 2 (Red): The learner will be quarantined for four days. If no symptoms occur, he/she will be allowed to return to school on the fifth day.

The school will be oscillating between the two scenarios depending on the status quo and consultation with health officials. Accordingly, parents/guardians will be constantly informed in the school's newsletter which scenario the school is following.

NOTE: This protocol is subject to change, depending on the recommendations of the World Health Organization and COVID-19 status in the country.