



Saturday 31st October 2020

RE: Primary Update

Dear WSO Primary Community,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic half term. The weather has finally become more enjoyable which makes Dubai such a special place to live. It's been amazing speaking with the students this week, hearing about their safe adventures during the break. This week we have welcomed back many students to school who had so far been 100% remote learners; they have adapted so well and it's a pleasure to see them back in school. Please take a read of the follow messages and upcoming dates for your awareness.

Key Messages/Updates

A message from our CEO, Mr Loft: I hope that you are all safe and well and enjoying being back after what I hope was a restful half term break.

Following the survey that was sent out towards the end of the term about returning to school 100%, I wanted to come back to you with a brief update. Of the families that are currently accessing the school in our blended face to face model, 90% wanted the option to return 100%. On the back of this, we have submitted an application to the KHDA about how we make this possible and these conversations are ongoing. As soon as we have confirmation, we will come back to families with how this will work.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to share with you that Somar Mowakket one of the school's Senior Leaders will be leaving us at the end of this term. Somar has been influential in supporting us to move our Arabic and Islamic departments forward and we thank him for all that he has done for the school and wish him well in his next steps. We will continue to communicate with you in relation to Arabic and Islamic and how we will continue to progress in these subjects.

Outdoor Play: Starting next week, we are excited to announce that outdoor play will be starting for our primary students. They have been so resilient in their classrooms over the first half term, however now that it has cooled down, our staff have been working on a plan to use the outdoor spaces safely. We will continue to follow the strict health and safety protocols and we will have a large amount of staff on duties to ensure our students are happy and safe.

Remaining vigilant around the Academy: This is general reminder to ensure that our students and families remain vigilant when entering and leaving the WSO site. We have to be careful of the traffic around busy times and ensure that any unusual behaviour is reported immediately. We have many staff members and security guards outside on duty who are always there to help.



EDUCATION

Upcoming Events and Dates

UAE Flag Day (Tuesday 3rd November) – Emirati students to come into school in national dress and will attend a flag ceremony outside on the 3G. All other students will participate in this ceremony from their classrooms or remotely at 11am.

ArtsEd Resident Week (Week Beginning 8th November) – London West End star, Tarin Callendar, will be visiting WSO for the week to work with our students and staff on various projects. It is going to be an incredible week!

Meet the Parent Week (15th November) – Live zoom sessions between teachers and parents.

Specialist Meet the Parent Week (22nd November) - Live zoom sessions between specialist teachers and parents.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope that you find these fortnightly letters informative and helpful whilst navigating through this academic year.

Stay safe, and see you soon!

Warm Regards

Nathan Sadler

Primary Principal

