

19 Aug 2020

All PBS Parents

Dear Parents,

**Re: Important information regarding the opening of PBS: August 2020**

Herewith, the PBS opening for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. The plan that has been formulated is mindful of government advice and the recent survey responses undertaken with parents and places the welfare and safety of the school's pupils and staff as its primary priority.

Whilst the current operating conditions are changeable (as well as unprecedented), the need for safe education is our sole aim. We are constantly monitoring the situation with regards the pandemic and we fully comply with the authorities in respect of our facilities and measures for child safeguarding and protection.

The campus has been sanitized and inspected by the authorities with safety and hygiene measures evaluated and rendered to be in an optimum condition for us to resume our operations.

PBS will be offering parents a blended learning package that will provide education for children who wish to come to school and those who wish to be educated at home. We have, as far as possible, sought to meet each family's requests so as to ensure an optimum offering for the whole school community. The arrangements are as follows:

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Year Group in school</b>
30 Aug 2020	Sunday	Y7, Y8, Y9
31 Aug 2020	Monday	Y4, Y5, Y6
01 Sep 2020	Tuesday	Y2, Y3
02 Sep 2020	Wednesday	FS2, Y1

So as to accommodate both in school and at home learning requests, the daily session times as shown below will be followed using a combination of live and asynchronous learning methods. Asynchronous sessions are sessions where children work on tasks set by teachers in the home environment. These tasks could take the form of reading, projects, model making, research or other writing tasks. These sessions are designed to extend learning and develop independent learning skills. Tasks are set and assessed by the teachers and focus on stretching and reinforcing the taught curriculum.

## In School Learning:

### Junior School

Class	In School	Asynchronous Learning
FS2	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1330 hrs
Year 1	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1330 hrs
Year 2	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1430 hrs
Year 3	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1430 hrs
Year 4	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1430 hrs
Year 5	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1430 hrs
Year 6	0800-1100 hrs	1230 – 1430 hrs

### Senior School

Year 7	0800-1430 hrs	
Year 8	0800-1430 hrs	
Year 9	0800-1430 hrs	

## Online Learning:

Class	Asynchronous Learning*	Live Learning via Zoom
FS2	1000 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs
Year 1	1000 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs
Year 2	0900 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs
Year 3	0900 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs
Year 4	0900 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs
Year 5	0900 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs
Year 6	0900 – 1100 hrs	1130 – 1430 hrs

*\*The timings for asynchronous learning may change as a result of operational or hygiene demands. If such changes take place, parents will be informed in advance.*

Amendments to this structure will be made as and when the response requirements for the pandemic are announced by the UAE government. An online option for the Senior School (Y7-9) is *not* planned unless exceptional circumstances prevail. Each case will be dealt with based on its merits and PBS will endeavor to support learners in this category as fully as possible.

Each family will receive a detailed opening plan shortly in respect of their child. This will explain how the school day will be structured, what pupils need to do prior to attending

school and how children will be managed as well as arrangements for drop off and pick up and buses.

**In order to establish/confirm your preference for in school or online learning, I invite all parents to visit our Admissions Team in school on or before Tuesday 25 Aug 2020 for:**

- **New Parents:** To complete registration formalities to enable entry for your children to the new school year and register your request for in school or distance learning.
- **Existing/Registered Parents:** To register your request for in school or distance learning

**Office Hours for the PBS Admissions Team are as follows:**

- **Saturday 22 Aug 2020: 0830 – 1230 hrs**
- **Monday 24 Aug 2020: 0830 – 1500 hrs**
- **Tuesday 24 Aug 2020: 0830 – 1500 hrs**

**PBS follows strict COVID19 Hygiene Protocols. In order to gain access to the site, please ensure that you wear a mask at all times, maintain a 2m safe distance and make regular use of the hand washing and sanitizing facilities available at the campus.**

Further information will be sent to you very shortly.

Kind regards

PACE British School