



SSLTP/BG/T1-011

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RE: Planning for September - Part 1

Dear Parents,

I would like to share with you the provisional planning for the new Term starting on 30th August 2020.

I have listed below the main questions that you may have and provided answers to the best of my knowledge within the context of the information I have at the time of writing.

Please also note that any decisions made on which scenario we will operate will come from federal government and regulators.

I hope the information given below provides reassurance that we are ready to accommodate any learning scenario with comprehensive Health & Safety plans in place. In all 3 scenarios, we are confident that:

- The well-being of students, staff and parents will be at the heart of each plan
- The proposed models will ensure continuity of outstanding learning and teaching
- Each model will ensure full curriculum provision and thorough preparation for assessments and qualifications
- Health and Safety, sanitization, and temperature-checking processes will be applied rigorously

1. What will happen if Springdales School is fully open to all students on site?

Please be assured that the Springdales team will be ready to welcome back all staff and students, just as they would in any given year. Parent information will be shared to all returning parents before the end of the summer break to help support your plans.

In addition:

- We will follow all Health and Safety guidance given to schools by the regulatory authorities with regard to COVID – 19
- We will continue to develop our outstanding provision and reflect on the many positive aspects of Remote Learning from Term 1 to further develop learning opportunities



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- At this stage we are planning to have a graduated return even if the school is opened at 100%. In this scenario we will resume with some aspects of online learning (refer Table 1) to enable students to ease back into school in a measured manner whilst still enabling some of the excellent online practices we have established over the last few months to continue.

2. What will happen if Springdales School can have a reduced number of students on site at any time?

(We are currently looking at an alternate day Timetable in either situation when 100% students come onsite or in the situation where some students opt for continued online learning)

There are a number of considerations for this model which will be dependent on regulator guidance. This will include specifications on the number, or percentage, of students permitted to be on site at any given time and social distancing factors that may limit class sizes.

In this scenario, students will spend some of their time in school and some of their time at home, engaging in Remote Learning (including synchronous and asynchronous methods). This scenario will:

- Facilitate a safe return to school for students and parents with all teachers/staff committed to delivering an outstanding education
- Organize the days in school according to class numbers, geographic locations and organization requirements for parents
- All children and students will continue to follow a full timetable of curriculum provision
- Ensure that the blended model builds on our technology capability and capacity to deliver lessons in school and at home through synchronous and asynchronous methods.
- One-week timetable of daily timing of 7:50 am to 2:05 pm will stretch for 2 weeks applicable for grades 1 to 12.
- KG will continue with the format followed in the months of April, May and June



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Table 1

Weeks 1&3

Scenarios	Sunday /Monday Day 1 TT		Tuesday / Wednesday Day 2 TT		Thursday Day 3 TT
100 % Students onsite	Group A in school	Group B in school	Group A in school	Group B in school	Group A in school
	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home
Varying % opting onsite and online learning	Group A in school	Group B synchronous/online learning on Teams at home	Group A in school	Group B synchronous /online learning on Teams at home	Group A in school
	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home

Weeks 2&4

Scenarios	Sunday Day 3 TT	Monday / Tuesday Day 4 TT		Wednesday / Thursday Day 5 TT	
100 % Students onsite	Group B in school	Group A in school	Group B in school	Group A in school	Group B in school
	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home
Varying % opting onsite and online learning	Group B in school	Group A synchronous learning on Teams at home	Group B in school	Group A synchronous learning on Teams at home	Group B in school
	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home	Group B asynchronous learning at home	Group A asynchronous learning at home



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3. What will happen if Springdales School site is closed and Remote Learning continues?

The school would continue the successful Remote Learning model which has evolved over the last 15 weeks.

Springdales will:

- Continue to provide a full timetable for all phases of the school via our Remote Learning platforms and apps
- For scenarios 2 and 3 an updated Remote Learning Plan will be sent to all parents before Term 2 to outline technological requirements for each phase of the school. This will be very close to the resources we have used in Term 1.

4. Will there still be a bus service?

All communication regarding bus transport will be sent out by GPT. As guidelines are released regarding school opening arrangements, we may need to amend the service provided to ensure we are running buses that are within any stipulated regulations.

I hope you find this information useful. We want you to be confident that we are well prepared and have planned for all possible scenarios; all of which will continue to ensure your children's best interests are at the heart of all decisions made. Thank you, once again, for your continued partnership. We are already looking forward to the second half of the academic year with optimism and excitement.

As always, if you have any immediate concerns, or questions, please do contact the principal PA principalpa@springdalesdubai.com, and she will direct you to the right support for your enquiry. I will continue to keep you updated as the school receives any further information.

Please note: As we are updated with information from the government in the coming weeks, we will be sending surveys to parents to help us gauge parent choice and student numbers to support our decision-making processes and logistical planning.

Kindest regards stay safe, keep learning!

Dr. Brian Gray
Principal
Springdales School, Dubai.

