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RE-Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Students,

This is the second weekly letter to parents as we move ever so closer to the August 30 start date for the continuation of term one (CBSE). The latest developments start with an official addendum to the Parent-School contract from KHDA which you will be receiving most likely this week. It provides you with two choices:

- 1. Face-to-face/blended Educational Model
- 2. And a temporary choice of 100% Distance Learning in the form of synchronous learning (same time) or asynchronous learning (different times).

The other development is the return of the survey that we sent out to all families over the last two weeks that gives us an indication of the number of students opting to physically come back to school and the number opting to continue our Distance Learning program. I would like to thank everyone for your response and non-response as this gives us much needed information as we get down to the fine detail of planning over the next few days.

We strongly believe that the online environment is not a substitute for schooling but an alternative medium to be fully exploited for strengthening the learner agency and make students as lifelong learners.

Our online classes will have equal emphasis and focus on academics as well as nurturing an innovative mindset in our students. The exact details of how this program operates will be communicated to all families next week. In general terms there will be synchronous and asynchronous Learning, an innovative curriculum and a familiar teacher who will have responsibility for specific groups of children.

<u>Safety and Security</u>: The safety and security of all students, teachers and staff is of paramount importance to us at Springdales, Dubai. We will ensure every family is well informed of the stringent safety measures that will be put in place once we are ready to allow students back on campus. We have been busy looking at the most effective structures and equipment for the past month whilst staying in close contact with KHDA to ensure social distancing, disinfection of campus and medical check-ups are of standard to keep our campus, students and staff safe.

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Regards,

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