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REOPENING OF SCHOOL AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION

Dear Parent
Sir/Madam

Greetings from Sharjah Indian School.....

We hope you and your ward enjoyed a safe and relaxed summer vacation. We thank all the parents for their support and cooperation in the smooth conduct of the e-learning classes for the last term. We are striving hard to ensure the highest level of safety and security for students and staff before the school reopens. As per the latest guidelines from SPEA, we will be reopening the school after vacation on 30th August 2020. However keeping in mind the concern of some parents we will start with distance learning for KG1 to Grade XII from the reopening date. As face-to-face - blended / hybrid learning remain the preferred education model and as it is very well supported by the maximum number of parents, students and teachers of Grade IX to XII in the official survey conducted by SPEA i.e. more than 65%, we will slowly reintroduce this education model. We have decided to introduce the blended / hybrid model (face-to-face and virtual learning combined model) in staggered stages. To begin with we will be starting this model for senior classes:

Rejoining Schedule:

Grade	Date	Mode of Learning	Remarks
KG to Grade V	30 th August till further notice	on line (e-learning) classes only	Dates and mode of learning will be reviewed and modified as per the directives from SPEA.
Grade VI to Grade VIII	30 th August till further notice	on line (e-learning) classes only	
Grade IX to Grade XII	30 th August to 9 th September 2020	on line (e-learning) classes only	Combination of face to face classes and e-learning classes from Sunday to Wednesday. Thursday online classes
	10 th September 2020 onwards	Face to face - blended / hybrid learning.	

The timings of the classes will be communicated to you by the respective class teachers.

Please Note

1. Face-to-face classes for Grade IX to XII will be conducted only for half of the students on each day. The other half of the students will be attending online classes. The details regarding day and time of your ward will be informed by the respective class teacher.
50% of students from Grade IX to XII in Group A and remaining other students in Group B.
Group 'A' for two days in school face-to face for four hours and on the same day Group 'B' will do extended independent learning of blended model for that four hours and will get two hours of "online distance learning" and vice versa.

i.e. First two days of the week Sunday – Monday, 'A' will be in the school for four hours and on the same day Group 'B' will do extended independent learning of blended model for that four hours and will get two hours of "online distance learning"

Next two days Tuesday – Wednesday – Group 'B' in school for four hours and on the same day Group 'A' will do extended independent learning of blended model for that four hours and will get two hours of "online distance learning".

On the fifth day of the week i.e. Thursday Group 'A' and Group 'B' both will be on "Online Distance Learning" for four hours.

2. As per SPEA's directives we will be introducing the blended / hybrid learning model for other classes in staggered manner and finally return to complete face-to-face classes by December 2020. In this process after every month that is from October 2020 we will critically analyze the situations and keep on adding the classes for the face-to-face - blended / hybrid learning model as per the feasibility and taking parents into confidence.

Health and Safety guidelines followed by the school for face-to-face Education Model

1. In collaboration with the health authorities in Sharjah, all students, teachers and staff of the school will be tested for COVID-19 in advance of reopening of the school (test date and time for your ward will be communicated through the class teacher).
2. Classrooms will be set up to accommodate reduced capacity. Student desks will be set at a safe distance (1.5 meters) from each other. Each student will be assigned a chair and table.
3. It is mandatory for all staff and students to wear face mask and gloves while they are in the campus and while using school transport.
4. If a student / teacher / staff begins to show symptoms of Covid-19 while at school, they will be isolated instantly. The parent / guardian of the child will be notified immediately and the patient will be referred to the hospital in case of emergency. The patient should not return to school until the PCR result is obtained.
5. Prayer rooms will only be used by the students following the safe distancing rules.
6. The school library will not function. Study materials and e-books will be sent to students on request.
7. Hand-sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the school in different areas with clear instructions.
8. Frequent touch points including door handles, light switches etc. and all the common areas will be cleaned and sanitized at regular intervals.
9. Total cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection of the school will be done prior to the official opening and every day after school hours. All cleaning staff will wear PPE while on duty.
10. School buses will operate at 50% capacity only. Every student will be allotted a permanent seat in the bus.
11. Signages will be placed all around the school building to indicate the movement directions and keep distancing at 2 meters.
12. No activities will be held in shared spaces. Assembly, events and contact games will remain suspended. Classroom assembly will be conducted.
13. Flexible / staggered break times will be followed. Students will be sent to washrooms in staggered manner. In the washroom the support staff will monitor the entry and exit of the students.
14. Sanitizers will be available in the classrooms. Toilets will be frequently sanitized.
15. Isolation and segregation rooms for accommodating staff and students showing signs of Covid-19 have been arranged near the First Aid room.
16. Waiting rooms for students not using school transport have also been arranged.

Guidelines for parents

1. The school authorities will collect the Covid-19 test reports and travel declaration forms from all the students. SPEA is planning to get the test done at free of cost for the students. The test date and time for your ward will be communicated through the class teacher.
2. A policy of staying at home if unwell for students with symptoms will be enforced.
3. Children using school bus will be scanned for their temperature before getting into the bus each day. Parents will be required to wait at the bus stop till the bus leaves.

4. There may be small change in the pick-up and drop off points of your ward. The transport department will keep you well informed regarding the same.
5. Meeting with teachers will be online. If a direct meeting with school authorities is required, an appointment will have to be arranged through school email.
6. Specific areas will be assigned for parents to pick up and drop off their wards at the designated times. Only one parent per student will be allowed inside the campus for collection of the student.
7. Grandparents / Senior citizens and small children are not allowed inside the school campus.
8. On days the student attend school, the student should carry her own personal sanitization kit with hand sanitizer, 2 masks and gloves.
9. Teachers will regularly communicate and provide information to students on the associated risks, safe practices and controls.
10. Parents must download the Al Hosn App to ensure traceability in the event of infection.
11. Parents must sign an undertaking stating the following:
 - a) They will ensure that their child/children has/have had the mandatory COVID-19 test prior to joining the school.
 - b) They will keep their child/children at home if they are generally unwell.
 - c) They will ensure their child/children follow school requirements for return to school after a day or days of absence.
 - d) They will ensure that they immediately pick up their child/children from school in case they become sick or has/have contacted a Covid-19 suspected case at the school. They will immediately follow protocols in these cases as communicated by the school.
12. Snacks and water should be sent from home for students. Water dispensers will not be available in the school. No sharing of food or stationery is permitted. Students will remain in their respective classes during snack break and have their snacks at their respective table only.

Once again we wish to remind you that it is also your responsibility as our well-wishers to instill in your child the importance of staying safe. Please be assured that our first priority is the health and safety of your ward and also that we will provide quality education in spite of the constraints that we are facing due to the pandemic situation.

Details of the Survey done for Sharjah Indian School by the SPEA authorities

1. We are very happy to extend our gratitude to all the parents for their inputs to the survey done by the school for distance learning. It was very successful and was awarded the highest ranking "DEVELOPED".
2. As per the directives of the government of Sharjah to resume face-to-face - blended / hybrid learning model, SPEA has done a survey taking the view of parents of our school. Based on that we are planning for face-to-face - blended / hybrid learning model for the students.
3. The survey indicates that the majority of the parents and students (from Grade IX to XII) has agreed for face-to-face - blended / hybrid learning model. A good number of parents and students (largely VI to VIII) have also agreed for the same and more than 50% parents of KG1 to Grade V are having some reservations. The main details of survey is attached herewith.

With regards,

**PRAMOD MAHAJAN
PRINCIPAL**



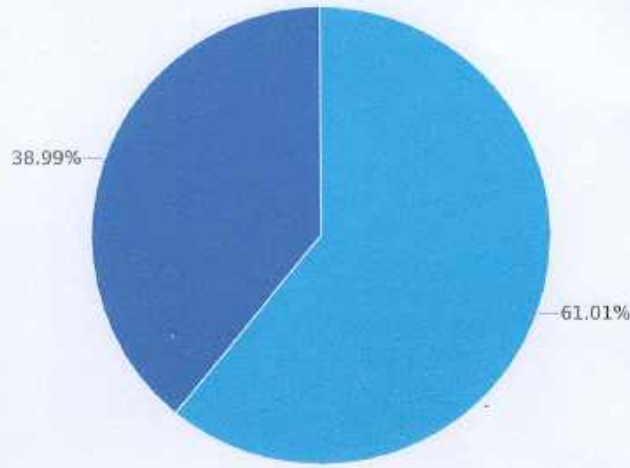


Return to School Survey

PLANNING FOR EDUCATION

When schools reopen in September, will you be willing to send your child to the same school to physically attend classes on campus?

Answered: 5635 Skipped: 96



● Yes

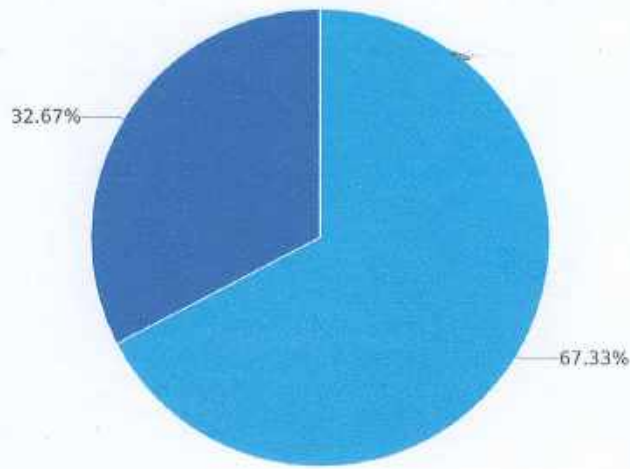
● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	61.01%	3438
No	38.99%	2197

Q15

If your child previously traveled to school using the school bus, are you planning to send your child to school on the bus when the school reopens?

Answered: 5595 Skipped: 136



● Yes

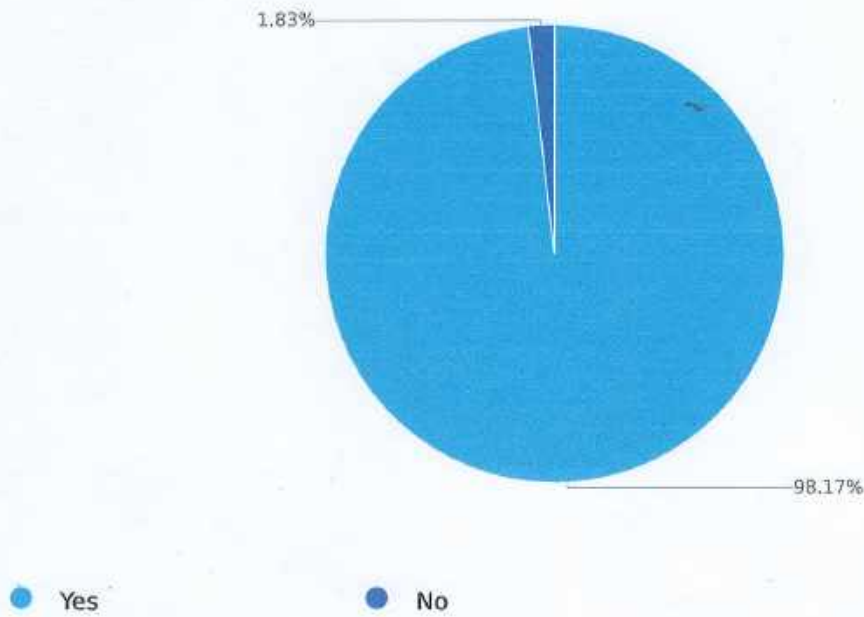
● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	67.33%	3767
No	32.67%	1828

Q16

Are you planning to keep your child enrolled in the same school for the new academic year?

Answered: 5634 Skipped: 97




Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	98.17%	5531
No	1.83%	103

With the **OPTION 3 - Blended Delivery Model**, different scheduling options are being considered. Please indicate your preference for the schedule for when you would like your child to attend school physically on campus, and during other days do distance learning from home.

(Please select 1 scheduling option for attending school physically on campus)

To be clear, please select the school delivery model you like the most:

Answered: 4480 Skipped: 1251



Choices	Response percent	Response count
OPTION 1 - Full Day Delivery Model	16.65%	746
OPTION 2 - Shift Delivery Model	36.54%	1637
OPTION 3 - Blended Delivery Model (Staggered Day Schedule)	22.75%	1019
OPTION 3 - Blended Delivery Model (Consecutive Day Schedule)	24.06%	1078