



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Calendar

## OCTOBER

<b>25 - 28</b> <b>SUN - WED</b>	<b>Mid Term Break</b>
<b>29 THU</b>	<b>Prophet Mohammad's Birth Date (PBUH)</b> عيد المولد النبوي الشريف

### A Message from the Director

Dear Parents

There is a quickly changing situation in our community and we wish to give as much clarity as we can for parents on how to react when students have been in some form of contact with those who test positive, or who are potentially exposed to, COVID-19. Please see the below.

#### **Direct Contact**

If a student has been in **direct contact** with someone who tested positive then they must study from home for two weeks and provide a negative test before returning to school.

Please note that siblings of a student who has been in direct contact with someone who tests positive will be categorized as having 'indirect contact' and must follow the guidelines laid out below.

### **Indirect Contact**

If your child has been in **indirect contact** with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (for example, a family member who has come into contact with a positive case in the workplace) then that student must study from home for one week. A negative test result for the person who has been in contact with the person who tested positive must be available before the student returns to school.

In both cases, please contact the appropriate school nurse and school leadership teams to inform them of the situation.

### **Defence Laws**

At IAA we adhere strictly to government requirements and regulations and the various defence laws that have been put into place, and will continue to do so.

1. Should any student or staff member have a confirmed case of COVID-19 then the whole school will move to online learning for two weeks according to the latest government directives. This will be reported to staff and parents keeping the case anonymous. However, the grade level will be announced in case families wish to take extra precautionary measures.
2. If you live in an area that has been placed in lockdown or has specific travel restrictions you will be asked to keep your children at home until those restrictions are lifted.

### **Minimising Risk**

Please be careful and minimize your children's movements and social interactions. It is advised that social circles are limited to small bubbles of family and friends for the health and wellbeing of your children, yourselves and the whole IAA community. Please remind your children to practice sound judgement, social distancing and good hygiene practices.

### **International Arrivals**

If you are receiving travelers from green, yellow and red countries. We will ask students who are in direct contact with travelers to study from home for one or two weeks depending on the country's travel designation. You must provide a negative test result for the person they are staying at home with before returning to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your dedication and sense of duty and care for our entire community.

## **Primary School News**

UNESCO celebrates World Teachers' Day today and it is a fitting time to recognise the incredible faculty we have. They have stood tall over the past 6-8 months as we have navigated the challenges of the global pandemic and the disruption to regular schooling. Our teachers have led the way as innovators and created new learning environments with the goal and commitment to supporting your children, whether that be

through face-to-face learning or online. Please do take some time to recognise their efforts over the next week or so.

### **Distance Learning**

It has been pleasing to see how committed our students and teachers have been to the sustained period of Distance Learning that has taken place over the past few weeks. I have had the opportunity to drop into Grade 4 & 5 classrooms for morning meetings as well as engaging in formal lesson observations. What I have seen has been incredible and this has been supported by a lot of positive feedback from parents.

### **Community Outreach**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had far reaching implications for us all, especially those that were already vulnerable. Last week the Primary School arranged for the distribution of donated food and used clothing and uniforms to the Juffein village in the north area of Jordan, close to Irbid. These donations have helped around 100 families.

### **Keeping Our Community Safe**

We continue to do our best to ensure that our campus is COVID safe but do need your help. Please be reminded that parents and care givers should move in and out of the building as quickly as possible at the end of the day in order to collect children. Please don't linger and do be mindful that the playground is closed. It is also essential that masks are worn while on campus.

We would also ask that you minimise your children's movements and social interactions outside of school as much as feasibly possible. It is advised that social circles are limited to small bubbles of family and friends for the health and wellbeing of your children, yourselves and the whole IAA community. Please remind your children to practice sound judgement, physical distancing and good hygiene practices.

### **Quarantine Guidelines**

With the quickly changing situation in our community we wish to give as much clarity as we can for parents on how to react when students have been in some form of contact with those who test positive, or who are potentially exposed to, COVID-19. Please note that:

- If a student has been in **direct contact** with someone who tested positive then they must remain home for two weeks and provide a negative test if they have had symptoms before returning to school.
- If your child has been in **indirect contact** with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (for example, a family member who has come into contact with a positive case) then that student must remain home for one week. A negative test result for the person who has been in contact with the person who tested positive must be available before the student returns to school.
- If you are receiving travelers from green, yellow and red countries. We will ask students who are in direct contact with travelers to study from home for one or two weeks depending on the country's travel designation. You must provide a negative test result for the person they are staying at home with before returning to school.

We remain committed to a positive learning environment on campus and trust that these guidelines will support our efforts.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell  
Primary Principal

## Secondary School News

Dear Parents

“Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future”

It is World Teachers’ Day and UNESCO has chosen the phrase above as the tag line for the celebration of the profession in 2020. It certainly is true, as we work collectively to find solutions and craft a new learning environment online to ensure that the teaching and learning of your children is minimally impacted. We would like to thank the students of Grade 11 and the rest of the Student Council who have worked hard to help celebrate this day and show their gratitude to the staff. It is really appreciated. The photo below shows our staff room with a new board of messages of thanks from students and with mugs for teachers with inspirational quotes on them.

Our online classrooms are going very well. As we face at least another 10 days of this style of education for Grades 6 to 10, it is important that students do not let their standards drop. Punctuality, positivity and respect for all in the virtual class remain very important. As a school leadership, we appreciate your help, as parents, in driving this message home.

We have been in school for one month, so it is time to appreciate those students who have shown a great attitude to learning. Our students of the month can be found on the Padlet at this link:  
<https://padlet.com/yhoozeer/2d1ckkfgazs5>

For Grade 11 and 12 one could say we are still fortunate to be in school. Our face to face classes are very valuable. We urge every family to do all they can to act in a cautious and prudent manner to ensure we have the greatest opportunity to keep the virus out of our immediate community, so that school can remain open to these grades.

The situation in Jordan with the pandemic is evolving quickly. As such we have clarified what actions should be taken by parents of students or family members who have contact with individuals who then test positive. Dr Hana has mentioned this in her message and has outlined the measures to be taken. Please do follow them and keep the school informed of developments.

We will end with a quote from Malala that brings us back to the power of education and the role teachers have in shaping the world: 'One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.'

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena.