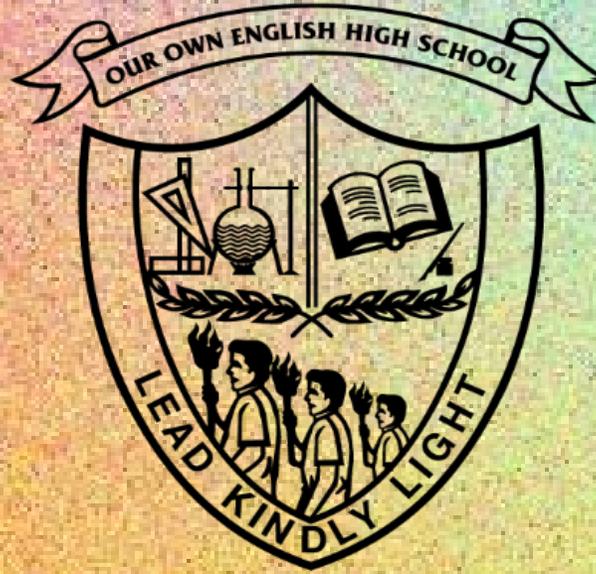


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OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, SHARJAH  
BOYS' BRANCH



**SCHOOL REOPENING  
READINESS PLAN**

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# Elements of the School Re-opening Plan

- A maximum of 50% of students of a particular grade come to school on one day
- Balance 50% to learn from home
- Live broadcast of classroom teaching-learning to occur for students at home
- In a two week scenario, every group of students would attend all days of the week
- Full curriculum coverage to continue
- 35 minute classes with a 5 minute transition time to be followed.
- Kindergarten –7:40 am –11:00 am
- Grades 1-12 –7:40 am –1:10 pm
- 20 minute staggered break across classes
- Washrooms to be used as and when required to reduce pressure during break times.
- Students of Determination will be fully supported when they come back to school. As students join back individual plans will be put in place for those students who need extra help and guidance.
- The School COVID-19 Task Force would be responsible for all the precautionary measures for the schools' reopening.
- In collaboration with the health authorities in Sharjah, all students, teachers, and staff of all private schools will be tested for COVID-19 in advance of physically joining the school and regular testing might continue for the remainder of the academic year.

# Physical Distancing Procedures

## Physical distancing in classrooms

- Classrooms are set up to accommodate reduced capacity. Student desks are set at a safe distance apart (1.5 meters);
- Teachers will be positioned at the front of the classroom area, at a distance of 1.5 meters
- All staff members will wear suitable personal protective equipment throughout the duration of the school.
- Learning groups will be stable with no mixing of groups. No swapping of chairs and tables will be allowed.
- Students and teachers must bring their own exclusive stationery items, devices or gadgets (i.e. laptops, tablets, headphones, etc.). Student must not share their stationery.



### **Physical distancing in corridors**

- Safety markings are set up throughout corridors, the markings dictate safe distances of 1.5 meters. Students will be monitored to ensure strict adherence.
- Staggered break times will be arranged



### **Physical distancing in canteen**

- Students are encouraged to bring healthy food from home while alerting them not to share it with others
- The school canteen is closed till further notice. Mobile canteen services will be available.
- Water dispensers / coolers have been put out of service. However, water can be dispensed via vending machines @ AED 1.

**Prayer room-Muslim students must bring their own personal prayer mats to pray in the Prayer rooms. A safe distance of 2 meters should be kept in prayer rooms and students should be wearing the masks in the prayer room.**

### **Library-Staggered entry to the library**

**Library lessons and reading corners will maintain the 1.5 meters physical distance. The books will be disinfected after each session.**

# Personal Protective Equipment Requirements (PPE) and hand washing



- Students of Grade 1 and above are required to bring a minimum of two (2) masks each to school per day, for their personal use.

- Hand sanitizing stations are set up throughout the school, students will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize at regular intervals through the day.

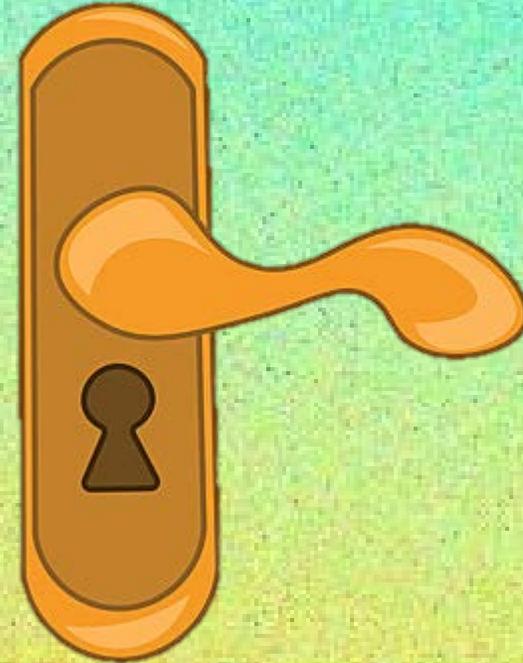


- Face shields are encouraged during meal breaks when masks need to be temporarily removed.
- Students will be required to replace their masks following the lunch break.
- Students with medical conditions are exempted from wearing a mask with a medical certificate only, and they should wear face shields instead.



# Cleaning and hygiene procedures

- Frequent touch points, including door handles, light switches, handrails, taps, sinks, toilets etc. will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.
- Common areas in the school (i.e. toilets, waiting areas, etc.) will be disinfected every hour.
- A thorough cleaning and sanitization of the school will be conducted at the end of each week.



# Students arriving and leaving school

- Students will arrive and leave the school at the determined start and finish time.
- Staggered start and finish times, based upon year groups is planned to further reduce the risk of larger groups.
- One designated drop off and pick-up area is identified within each school.
- Access to the rest of the school is not be permitted. School has implemented a detailed traffic management plan to ensure the safe drop off and collection of students. Trained security personnel will be present at school to support traffic flow and ensure health and safety measures are adhered too.
- Upon arrival at school, students will pass through a number of designated entrance points. The entrance points will be fitted with thermal imaging cameras, which will record each student and staff member's temperature.



# Students arriving and leaving school

- For those persons with a temperature above 37.50C, they will be moved to the designated segregation zone for a second test by a handheld scanner. If needed, they will be moved to a pre-approved isolation area to be processed as per the protocol.



# Transport safety measures

Children taking the bus will be scanned for their temperature on the bus. Anyone with a fever  $\geq 37.50C$  their parents will be contacted and the child will be returned to their parent.

- Buses will be running at 50% capacity.
- To use the bus you must register with BBT, accept their terms and conditions and Bus Behaviour Code, clear any outstanding fees and pay one month (September 2020) fees to confirm registration.
- No food or drink (other than water) can be consumed on the bus.
- Students must sanitize their hands when getting on the bus, and once before dismounting.
- Only one bus at a time may allow students to descend and enter the school premises. Students should wait inside their bus until all students have disembarked from the previous bus.
- Descending from the bus should be done in an orderly fashion, row by row, and respecting social distancing.



# Transport safety measures

- Each bus is required to have at least one bus monitor to check students' temperatures, dispense hand gel, tend to students who require assistance, and usher them when disembarking.
- Students will be assigned seating, with the same seating assignments maintained daily.
- Students will be temperature checked a second time on arrival at school and before leaving the bus -allowing them to exit the bus and then move across the green, directly to their designated entry points and into class from the back of school.
- For further information, please contact BBT.



# Maintenance

- All maintenance works within schools are conducted by an approved third party
- Regular planned preventative maintenance activities will take place, in line with any authority requirements.
- Regular cleaning and sanitizing AC systems will take place across schools
- All maintenance teams will adhere to the requirements determined by GEMS and the relevant authorities, this includes, daily temperature checks, PPE requirements, hand washing standards etc.
- All contractors and vendors will be issued with a set of requirements which they must adhere too..

# Student and Staff Travel

- Any staff or students who travel must adhere to the UAE authority requirements, including any self-isolation and testing requirements
- Travel declaration forms will be required for all those who travel; these must be submitted to the school prior to travel occurring.
- Anyone displaying any Covid-19 symptoms when returning from travel must not come to school, ensure they notify the school and self-isolate.

## **Medical Procedures**

- If a student is suspected of being a positive Covid-19 case, they will be immediately moved to the school isolation room.**
- Only the school medical and emergency services team are permitted to enter the isolation room, full PPE must be worn when entering the room.**
- The students' parents will be contacted immediately by the school doctor and the required authorities will be notified.**
- The school will strictly adhere to the health authority requirements for managing and transferring any suspected cases of Covid-19**
- All areas which may have been accessed will be thoroughly deep cleaned and sanitized following any suspected cases. These areas will be closed immediately until the deep clean is completed.**
- Tracing will be conducted to identify those who may have come into contact with the student or staff member. Health authority requirements will be strictly adhered to, this may include additional testing and isolation of persons who have come into contact with a positive case.**
- The student should not return to school until the PCR result is obtained. If the result is negative and there is a clinical assessment of a probable COVID-19 case, the patient should complete a 14-day quarantine. If the result is negative and there is no clinical assessment for a probable case, the child can resume schooling so long as they are symptom-free.**