Return to Campus Guidelines (Phase 3)

Criteria/conditions for a return to our school campus

- Nepal Government permits it with guidance on social distancing rules.
- Rate of infection decreases to ‘manageable levels’ in Nepal (in the absence of a credible R0 number).
- Clear TBS safety (social distancing) guidelines for campus agreed and understood by staff, students and parents.
- The campus is sanitised, ready and safe.
- Evidence that social distancing rules are effective in other schools and are not causing an increased risk to all stakeholders.
- Campus provision (under the new guidelines and restrictions) is equal or better than what is being provided online.

Key Points to remember:

- COVID-19 is transmitted through infected droplets.
- When a COVID-19 infected person sneezes, coughs or exhales they release droplets of infected fluid.
- If a person is standing within one metre of an infected person, he/she can get infected by breathing in droplets coughed out or exhaled by an infected person.
- Alternately, people could catch COVID-19 by touching contaminated surfaces or objects – and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

UK government scientific advice:

- Severity of disease in children – there is high scientific confidence that children of all ages have less severe symptoms than adults if they contract coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The age of children – there is moderately high scientific confidence that younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected with coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHO advice:

- Role of children in transmission of COVID-19 is unclear.
- Very few studies involving educational institutions.

If we take the current situation of continuous learning online as Phase 4, we will return to the school campus in three further phases (3, 2 and 1). Phase 3 will be a partial reopening, with phase 2 including the re-introduction of more elements of our provision and phase 1 resulting in a full re-introduction of our provision. At the moment, until evidence/advice changes, we will not move to phase 1 until all members of our community have been vaccinated.

Teachers will continue to plan and deliver lessons for all students, regardless of the phase and regardless of where they and the students are located i.e. education will be provided, on campus and online, for all students.
Social Distancing

days from when your symptoms started, or 14 days (if you live with someone who has symptoms).

School Directives

● The maximum class size will be 12 students for Primary and between 12 - 18 students for Secondary, if the classroom is able to accommodate students at 1.5 metres apart from each other.
● Primary students will attend school on a rotation basis. Students will be placed into two groups; once the groups have been set, they cannot be changed. Within the groups, students will be allocated into ‘pods’ of up to 4. Groups will rotate every two days.
● Secondary students in KS3 will attend school on a rotation basis. Students will be placed into two groups; once the groups have been set, they cannot be changed. Groups will rotate each day on an am/pm basis.
● Secondary students in KS4 and KS5 will attend school each week.
● Siblings will attend school on the same days.
● Clubs, trips and residential will be suspended until further notice.
● All students must come to school with a packed lunch i.e. no drop offs, no deliveries and no students to leave the campus for food.
● Lessons should be conducted outside whenever possible.
● Assemblies will be virtual.
● Teachers and students who are at risk should stay at home. These include those who:
  ➢ Are aged 70 or over.
  ➢ Have underlying health conditions and are considered ‘high risk’ e.g. have had a solid organ transplant – kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, or lung; are having treatments for some cancers; have severe long-term lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma; have rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that increase their risk of infection; are on medication that compromises their immune system and so are much more likely to get infections and become seriously unwell from them; are pregnant with significant heart disease.
  ➢ Have symptoms of COVID-19: mild cold-like symptoms, such as a sore throat, a runny nose, sneezing, a continuous cough, a fever above 37.8 degrees Celsius or a change in the normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).
  ➢ A member of the household develops symptoms of COVID-19.

If you have these symptoms, however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started, or 14 days (if you live with someone who has symptoms).

● No parents will be permitted on the school campus and only one parent/adult should drop off and collect their child at the school gates each day.
● No visitors will be allowed on the school campus.

Social Distancing

● Students, should as much as possible, keep 1.5 metres away from each other, especially those from different ‘pods’.
● Teachers and staff should keep 1.5 metres away from students.
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Sanitisation

- Students and teachers should wash their hands (with soap or sanitiser) at each of the following transition points:
  - Entering and leaving the school campus
  - Entering and leaving the classroom
  - Before and after eating
  - Before and after toileting
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with hands.
- All surfaces in a classroom will be sanitised at the start of the day and during break and lunch by ground staff.
- Surfaces will be sanitised at all other times by teachers and CLS as and when appropriate.
- Whenever a communal piece of equipment (musical, sports, art, DT equipment) is used, it should be sanitised by the user (or teacher if a child has used it) on completion, using antibacterial wipes.
- All library and textbooks books will be sanitised on return and when issued, using antibacterial wipes.

Respiratory hygiene

- Everyone should be trained with the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.
- Masks should be worn as much as possible, and can be removed at the teacher’s discretion, based on the context and activity.

Movement around school, including break/lunch time

- Everyone should aim to keep 1.5 metres away from each other wherever possible.
- Everyone should adhere to the one way system around school.
- In corridors and on paths, everyone should walk on the left hand side.
- Break and lunch time will be staggered, with classes and pods to be allocated outdoor spaces.

Classroom set up and resources

- Within each classroom there will be a designated area for the teacher which allows them to keep 1.5 metres away from the students. This will be marked by tape.
- Each student will have designated seats and tables which will be 1.5 metres away from each other.
- Each student will have their own electronic learning device (laptop or tablet) and these should not be shared.
- Students, should as much as possible, have their own equipment such as stationery, including pens and pencils. When equipment is shared it should be done at the request of the teacher and sanitised at the completion of each child’s use.
- Where possible, classroom doors and windows should be kept open.

Morning drop off

- Students will be asked to arrive at school at specific, staggered times and will be allocated a specific entrance.
- Parents/adults will drop off their children at the gates and will not be permitted on the campus.
- All students and parents should wait at the socially distanced marked places outside the school gates upon entering the school campus.
- All students should wash their hands at the designated areas upon entering the school campus.
Afternoon pick up

- Students will depart from school at specific staggered times and will be allocated a specific exit.
- Primary students who need to wait for their secondary siblings will be supervised in the primary library until secondary pick up.

What happens if a student or staff member develops symptoms whilst on the school campus?

If a student or staff member becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 whilst on the school campus and needs direct personal care until they can return home, the following will be applied:

- They should proceed directly to the medical room to be assessed by the school nurse. A separate 'isolation' room will be available if necessary and appropriate.
- A face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
- If contact with the student or staff member is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and face mask should be worn by the supervising adult.
- If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

- When a student or staff member develops symptoms compatible with COVID-19, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.
- Where the student or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- Parents, carers and settings do not need to take children’s temperatures every morning. Routine testing of an individual’s temperature is not a reliable method for identifying COVID-19.

Receiving Material/Supplies:

- All received materials/supplies should be immediately taken to the storage area.
- The person receiving the material should wash his/her hands before accepting the package and take care not to bring his/her hands close to their face before washing/sanitizing their hands afterwards.
- When possible, let the received material remain untouched in this designated area for up to 72 hours.
- Any material, that needs to be used immediately, should be wiped using a sanitized wipe.
- If the item is in a water-proof packing can be washed with antimicrobial handwash (soap) for 20+ seconds.