The British School

Caroline Drumm Principal P.O. Box 566, Jhamsikhel, Patan Kathmandu, Nepal

11th February 2022

Dear Parents,

School reopening

Further to the letter from our Principal, Ms. Drumm, confirming that all Primary students will return to campus from Monday 14th February, I am delighted to share with you the key information for our timetable next week.

We will now return to on campus teaching as we are confident that we are able to safely accommodate full classes at an appropriate social distance and will continue to be vigilant with our safety regulations. We will be taking full advantage of this increased provision. Having students on campus every day will enable us to enhance your child's learning experience and academic progress, as well as their social and emotional wellbeing.

We encourage all students to attend campus each day to maximise their learning opportunities. However, students should remain at home if they display any covid-like symptoms (even if they test negative) and parents need to contact our school nurses for further guidance on the following email address: <u>nurse@tbs.edu.np</u>. We are aware that there are other factors that may impact your child's ability to access our campus. A summary of parent guidance has been outlined below:

- For one-off incidents (such as illness or displaying mild covid-like symptoms), please <u>email</u> the school by 8.15am on the day so that we are aware.
- If your child has been impacted by Covid (eg. a close contact to a positive case), please keep your child at home and email our <u>Covid Management Team</u> who will reply to you with the appropriate guidance. Assuming that your child is fit for learning, they will be able to access an online provision which may include live Zooms for some of their lessons, if available.
- For extended absence from campus, please contact your child's class teacher or our Assistant Heads to discuss your individual circumstances so that the appropriate support can be confirmed.

For Early Years and Key Stage 1: Ms Rianne Wiggers, Primary Assistant Head For Key Stage 2: Mr Matthew Smith, Primary Assistant Head

Please ensure that your child brings the following items with them to school each day:

- Water bottle
- Snack for break time
- Mask x 2 (they should arrive wearing one and have at least one spare)
- Sanitizer (this is also available around the campus)
- Packed lunch if applicable

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In addition, students should also bring their library books and come to school in PE kit on the day they have PE lessons, both of which will be detailed in the class timetable.

Our food caterers will be operating and parents will need to place advanced orders should they choose to use this service (the menu and ordering guidance have been included in this week's newsletter). Please note that it is still not possible to deliver food to campus for your child's lunch.

We are also pleased to announce that our **school's transport service will be running** with appropriate mitigation in place to manage the risk of Covid transmission. The transportation department shall contact the parents who had opted for the service previously to confirm if they will be using this service again, and the appropriate pick up times for their child/children. Please write to <u>bus@tbs.edu.np</u> should you have any further queries.

Your child's class teacher will be in touch shortly with any additional information.

Your child's wellbeing is our top priority. In order to keep our community safe, we expect the highest standards in terms of social distancing, sanitizing and mask-wearing. As a reminder, staff and students should normally wear masks at all times on campus when they are within 2m of any other person (and at all times in lessons) and should not be within 1m of anyone else whenever possible.

Break times and lunchtimes are also key times when good practice must be maintained. As always, we expect our students to follow these safety guidelines whilst on campus. In addition, we ask that students acknowledge their individual responsibility to the health of our community and aim to follow these guidelines as much as possible in their personal lives, giving careful consideration to interactions outside of school, to minimise the risk to both self and others.

We also ask that they take a weekly antigen test every Monday morning before coming to school, and log the results <u>here</u>.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact me on <u>smoulds@tbs.edu.np</u>.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sally Moulds Deputy Head of Primary

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