

WELCOME BACK TO REACH!

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

DEAR REACH COMMUNITY,

I trust you are enjoying a safe and wonderful conclusion to your summer break.

I warmly welcome you to the new school year and a special welcome to all the new families who are joining Reach for the very first time. It is wonderful to have you with us. To our existing families welcome back and thank you for installing your trust in us to be partners in your child's education for another school year.

This year will continue to present many challenges for our school community but working together I am confident we are going to have an amazing year.

We have shared our reopening plans with you and we will continue to communicate and update you regularly as we receive further guidance from the authorities.

Our team has worked very hard over the summer to ensure that we are able to welcome our entire community back to a safe and secure environment. As we continue to enhance our teaching and learning so that our students have access to Amazing Learning, we will also continue to prioritize the health and safety of our entire community. We will ensure that our school complies with all the guidelines issued by the authorities and we have shared all our protocols with you in the Re-opening packs that were sent to you.

Our formal learning will commence soon. Our secondary students (Years 7 to 13) will start the academic year, with four weeks of Distance Learning. Our Primary students (Years 1-6) will attend school on alternate weeks in a Blended learning approach, with our aim of having everyone back at school face to face as soon and as safely as we possibly can.

Reach has undergone a reopening inspection from ADEK yesterday and we are proud to announce that we received compliance approval to open the school.

Please remember to complete the online parent consent form prior to returning to school. This is mandatory. We have also shared our reopening schedule for each Year Level.

Reach takes great pride in creating an educational environment where students can learn in a safe, caring and supportive environment. Our enthusiastic team of new teachers have all arrived safely in Abu Dhabi and have undergone an extensive induction. They are all very keen to meet their new students and you, as parents.

Our Senior Leadership Team, along with our Middle Leaders and staff, are always ready to assist and support you and your children in any way we can during this academic year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for assistance.

We cannot wait to have our students return to school- we have missed them so much! We're ready, we're excited, and we're an amazing school community. Thank you parents for your ongoing support of Reach British School!

Welcome to the academic year 2020-2021 everyone !

Regards,

Dene Bright, Principal



BACK TO SCHOOL VIDEO

Reach British School is ready to welcome students and staff BACK TO SCHOOL! Offering flexible learning options: face-to-face learning, blended and online.

Azza Al Mughairy recently visited our school to find out why #schoolissafewithISP!

Watch the video now!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to inform you that if you have chosen the Distance Learning for your child/children, this option is now available and fully approved by the school. A detailed letter with information regarding Distance Learning mechanism will be sent out shortly

THE FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL WILL BE PHASED BY YEAR GROUP

Please refer to the attached reopening school calendar for further information about the first day of each year level.

[Click here](#)

CLASS LISTS AND YOUR NEW TEACHERS

Before the start of term, you will receive the information on where to go on the first day of school, how to contact your teacher, and your house colour if you are a new student.

EYFS - via Class Dojo

Primary - via Class Dojo

Secondary - via Google Classroom and parents via Class Dojo

Further information will be shared to all the parents shortly.

ATTENDANCE

As we start the new year, I ask parents to support our students by developing good habits in terms of attendance and punctuality. We recognize and celebrate 100% attendance at Reach, knowing it allows students the time to achieve all they are capable of and to really excel in lessons. Punctuality is also key when arriving to school and to lessons, so let's make sure children arrive by 7:40am at the latest, ready for the National Anthem playing, which signals the start of the school day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The first term's fees are now due, if you haven't yet paid please visit the Finance Office between 9am and 3pm from Sunday to Thursday including this coming Saturday, August 29, 2020.

NURSERY/FSI ON DISTANCE LEARNING

Following an announcement by the National Crisis and Emergencies Management Committee (NCEMA), ADEK have announced that there will be a phased approach to school reopening for the first 4 weeks of the academic year.

With that, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Department is to offer Distance Learning for all our FS1 students for the first 4 weeks of the academic year.

Face-to-Face learning will still be an option once we receive confirmation from ADEK



STAFF INDUCTION

On the first day of Induction Week, our Senior Leadership Team warmly welcomed all the new teaching staff who have joined Reach for this year. The induction started with a brief introduction on Reach British School led by our Principal, Mr. Dene Bright. Everyone also got a chance to get to know each other through the activities prepared by our Senior Leadership Team. The entire team at Reach is very excited about the year ahead.



OFFERING 10 IGCSE SUBJECTS

In line with regional expectations and university prerequisites, we are pleased to announce that our Secondary School will be now offering 10 IGCSEs in Key Stage 4. This is more than the current requirement in the UAE, and will give our students the ability to apply to a wider range of universities internationally.



UNIFORM/STATIONERY

The Uniform /Stationery Shop is open at Reach British School, Gate No. 2. You may visit from Sunday to Thursday (including Saturday, August 29) between 9:30am - 3:00pm.

A LEVEL AND IGCSE RESULT

Reach celebrates the achievements of our secondary students, as they received the result of the A Level Exam and IGCSE.

Our first cohort for Year 12 completed their AS Level and obtained a 100% pass rate while 71% of our IGCSE grades were 9 to 4.

We congratulate our secondary students for their dedication and hard work over the past 2 years and are pleased that they have been rewarded with the grades that they deserve.

