



Russian International School

2020 – 2021 academic year

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL COVID-19 SCHOOL POLICY

In accordance with KHDA Protocol (*dated 05.07.2020*) for the Reopening of Private Schools in Dubai, providing health and safety for all school process participants and preventing the spread of Covid-19, the rules and regulations are to be strictly adhered by Parents and Students.

In case of non-compliance to Health and Safety Regulations, the School reserves the right to deny Parents or Students the entry to the School Premises (*as per KHDA Protocol clause 43*).

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1. Thermal screening will be conducted at the entrance of the school. Anyone with fever $\geq 37.5^{\circ}$ will not be allowed to enter the School Premises.
- 1.2. Parents and Students older than 6 years of age are mandated to wear face masks at all times inside the school facilities (in case of asthma or any other health condition preventing from wearing the face mask, the duly attested medical certificate is to be presented to the School).
- 1.3. Parents are responsible for providing face masks and hand sanitizers to their children on a daily basis.
- 1.4. Students and Parents have to maintain 2 meters social distancing (as indicated by the signs/floor markers) in all designated/common areas of the school.
- 1.5. Students' school bags and shoes will be sprayed with sanitizers upon arrival to school. Measures for regular classrooms disinfection will be taken as per regulated guidelines.
- 1.6. All Parents' visits are restricted to school premises. Only one visitor from a family is allowed strictly upon prior appointment with School Administration.
- 1.7. Student's registration/enrollment is to be done online. If truly needed, the Parent's/Guardian's visit is upon prior appointment only.

- 1.8. Payments of School Fees are encouraged to be done through online banking or cash deposit through ATM machines. (In case of cash payment, any Parent's/Guardian's visit is upon prior appointment with School Accounts Department).
- 1.9. All parents must fill in Health and Travel declaration forms before commencing the schooling. (Health and Travel declarations forms are to be duly filled by Parent/Guardian).

2. DROP OFF / PICK UP BY FAMILY CARS

- 2.1. Parents/Guardians should park their cars on the designated parking (*near the mosque*).
- 2.2. Students coming to School by family cars should be dropped off/picked up by the Parent/Guardian at the School Designated Area.
- 2.3. Only one family member or guardian is allowed to access the drop off/pick up area.
- 2.4. People with compromised medical condition, including elderly, should not come for drop off/pick up procedures.
- 2.5. Parents/Guardians and Students must wear masks at all times during the drop off/pick up procedures.
- 2.6. Parents/Guardians and Students should maintain a safe physical distance of 2 meters with no crowding at the drop off/pick up area.
- 2.7. There is a maximum time limit of 10 minutes for the drop off / pick up by the Parent/Guardian in the designated area (*as per KHDA Protocol clause 7*).
- 2.8. Time allocation for afterschool families' car pick up is to be 13:20 – 13:30 (KG1-KG2) and 13:40 – 13:50 (Gr.1-Gr.11).
- 2.9. Parents/Guardians will not have any access to School Premises besides drop off/pick up designated area during the allocated timing.

3. SCHOOL BUSES

- 3.1. School buses will operate at half capacity (*as per KHDA Protocol clause 98*).
- 3.2. Students should strictly follow seating guidance as indicated by signs/markers on bus chairs. Students are not allowed to change their seats during the ride.
- 3.3. All bus riders with exception of children younger than 6 years old must wear masks at all times.
- 3.4. Students entering the school bus will undergo temperature screening. Anyone with a fever $\geq 37.5^{\circ}$ will not be allowed to enter the bus.

- 3.5. If a student begins to show symptoms of Covid-19 while taking the bus, he/she is considered a probable Covid-19 case. The below steps will be followed:
- a) The bus attendant will ensure the child is seated 2 meters away from the rest of the students.
 - b) The bus attendant will inform the responsible person in the school, who will immediately communicate with School Administration and Parents/Guardians.
 - c) If the bus trip is for drop off at the School, the Student will be isolated and sent home. (Please refer for the details in the clause 6.2).
 - d) If the bus trip is for drop off at home, the Student will be dropped off first (as per KHDA Protocol clause 108).
 - e) The Student should not return to school until the PCR test result is obtained. (Please refer to the clause 6.3 (a, b, c, d) for further scenario.)

4. MEALS AT SCHOOL

- 4.1. Parents are encouraged to supply food (lunch boxes) and beverages for their children along with their own plastic disposable utensils. Students' lunch-break allocation is within their cohort group in the classroom (not in School Canteen).
- 4.2. No canteen services will be offered to students.
- 4.3. Masks can be taken off during meal breaks. Use of transparent face shields (can be provided by Parents to their Children) is encouraged while eating.
- 4.4. No food share is allowed in the School.
- 4.5. Water dispensers are not allowed inside the School (*as per KHDA Protocol clause 85*). Hence, it is Parents' responsibility to ensure sufficient water provision to their children during the school time.
- 4.6. Vending machines with water and snacks at School Premises are available for Students if needed.

5. DURING THE SCHOOL TIME

- 5.1. New staggered Time Table is implemented to avoid crowding during the breaks (meals / playground areas) and student dismissal time:

07:40 – 07:55	Thermal Screening / Hand Sanitizing / School bags and shoes spray disinfection
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07:55 – 08:00	National Anthem via school radio
08:00 – 08:40	Period 1
08:45 – 09:25	Period 2
09:30 – 10:10	Period 3
10:10 – 10:25	Break 1
10:25 – 11:05	Period 4
11:10 – 11:50	Period 5
11:50 – 12:05	Break 2
12:05 – 12:45	Period 6
12:50 – 13:30	Period 7
13:30 – 13:40	Dismissal time - bus pick up
13:40 – 13:50	Dismissal time - families' cars pick up

- 5.2. Students in KG1 and KG2 classes will remain in “stable” groups of 10 children or less during the whole schooling period.
- 5.3. All classrooms will be used in the capacity of ensuring that students maintain at least 1.5 meters distance during the class sessions. Hence, most of the Students’ classes will be divided into 2 cohort groups, providing each cohort group with a designated classroom.
- 5.4. Class rotations by Students are not permitted. Students should remain in a designated classroom, and teachers will rotate instead.
- 5.5. In the classroom each Student will be allocated with a study place (a designated chair and a desk) with adherence to a regulated distance of at least 1.5 meters, no swapping among students is allowed in the classroom.
- 5.6. All students older than 6 years of age are mandated to wear face masks at all times inside the school facilities.
- 5.7. Students and Parents with medical conditions can be exempted from wearing a mask on the school premises with a medical certificate only.
- 5.8. Masks can be taken off during intensive physical activities (PE lessons), while students should strictly adhere to a safe 1.5 m – 2 m physical distancing measure.
- 5.9. Students are encouraged to maintain frequent and thorough hand washing and hand sanitizing regime inside the school. Students must clean their hands upon arrival to school, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing. Students are encouraged not to touch by hands their mouth, eyes and nose.
- 5.10. Students are requested not to share any paper resources between each other during the school time for preventative health measures.
- 5.11. Students are encouraged to laminate or cover with plastic all books and notebooks/workbooks for ease of daily cleaning and sanitizing.

- 5.12. All School Library visitors must wear masks at all times and must maintain 1.5 m – 2 m physical distance.
- 5.13. Books upon return should be placed in a designated labelled container in the School Library for the disinfection purpose.
- 5.14. Students are not allowed to exit the School Premises during the school hours and before the end of the school lessons.
- 5.15. The school prayer room can be used upon adherence to the following rules: 1 person at a time is allowed inside the room; the use of disposable prayer mats is a must; the users shall respect hygiene norms.

6. SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- 6.1. A policy of “**Staying at home if unwell**” for students showing symptoms of Covid-19 (such as fever $\geq 37.5^{\circ}$, cough, body ache or fatigue, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea and nausea, headache, loss of sense of smell or taste) should be enforced.
- 6.2. If a student shows symptoms of Covid-19 while at School, he/she will be instantly isolated to the designated medical room; the Parent or Guardian of a Student will be immediately notified / the patient should be referred to the hospital to take necessary action.
- 6.3. The patient should not return to school until the PCR test result is obtained.
 - (a) If the result is **negative and there is no clinical statement** of a probable Covid-19 case, the student can resume schooling.
 - (b) If the result is **negative and there is a clinical statement** of a probable Covid-19 case, the patient should complete a **14-day quarantine**.
 - (c) If the result is **positive**, the traced contacts of the patient, including teachers and classmates of a Student, are all considered **close contacts** - anyone who spent more than 15 minutes in a proximity of 2 meters with the positive case, from the day of symptoms onset or the day of the positive PCR test (*as per KHDA Protocol clause 14*). They should all commence **the 14-day quarantine** counted from the day of positive PCR test or from the day of the onset of symptoms if ascertained by the clinician.
 - (d) If a Student was confirmed **positive** according to a Covid-19 PCR test by an accredited facility, he/she is not allowed to return to the School Premises unless he/she is granted a *Clearance Certificate* by *DHA*, stating that he/she is discharged from the isolation.

7. WHILE ON QUARANTINE (UPON MEDICAL STATEMENT)

- 7.1. Alternative academic provision (Distance Learning) will be ensured for Students who are unable to attend classes physically due to health condition (Covid-19 isolation, quarantine).
- 7.2. Students should follow the School Rules and Instructions related to Distance Learning.
- 7.3. Distance Learning Support can be provided to Students if needed upon individual agreement with Teacher during the Support Time:

Support Time:	13:45 – 14:15
Support Time:	14:20 – 14:50
Support Time:	14:55 – 15:25
Support Time:	15:30 – 16:00

8. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 8.1. All school special events, festivals, celebrations, holiday events, performances, sport tournaments are suspended till further notice.
- 8.2. All school trips are suspended till further notice.
- 8.3. Extra-curricular activities can be offered only digitally, hence all in-school extra-curricular classes are suspended till further notice.

9. PARENTS SCHOOL VISITS

- 9.1. All Parents' administrative school matters are encouraged to be resolved on distance. Parents should address their inquiries/concerns/offers/requests etc. through the designated channels:
 - phone calls to **04-264-15-15 or 04-264-16-17**
 - emails to **parents.ris@dubairuschool.com**
- 9.2. Parents-Teachers meetings will be held online until further notice.
- 9.3. If truly needed Parent's visit to School can be organized strictly upon prior appointment and during the School Classes time only. Parents' visits are not allowed during drop off, pick up and school break time to avoid crowding. Appointments can be arranged by phone call to 04-2641515 or 04-2641617 or by email (parents.ris@dubairuschool.com).
- 9.4. Only one family member is allowed to enter the School Premises for any purpose.
- 9.5. Parents/Guardians are mandated to wear face masks at all times inside the school facilities.