

Dubaï, August 20th 2020

Dear Parents,
Dear students,

I hope you and your loved ones are in excellent health and refreshed.

It's time for your kids to get back to school. After these long months of distance learning and these weeks of school holidays, the year 2020/2021 is launched. All the LFIGP teams are ready to welcome your children, hoping that they are well rested and that they have taken advantage of the summer holidays.

The reopening constraints are significant and have necessitated all summer adaptations and decisions that were submitted to the KHDA and the SPEA in order to obtain authorization to operate. These constraints explain a communication, admittedly late, but complete and functional.

Two priorities have guided our organizational choices which may be scalable according to the decisions of the authorities:

- Strict compliance with the health reopening instructions within our structures imposed by local authorities despite very strong real estate constraints which did not allow us to set up 100% reception for all levels. We have particularly focused on the levels of the youngest children to favor 100% when possible.
- The implementation of adapted educational solutions which allow quality and solid learning in complete safety.

Thus, and until further notice, the classes will take place as follows. Please note that the wearing of a mask is compulsory for all students aged 6 and over within the premises. A travel form will be submitted to each family and staff in order to identify the situations of those who have traveled:

Oud Metha: 100% reception of students on the Oud Metha site in groups of 10 with support either by the teacher or by the assistant. The educational responsibility remains that of the teacher. The Director will present in detail the more precise elements in a communication from the beginning of next week.

Elementary Academic City: 100% welcome for CP and CE1 by ½ class. Again, the groups will be supported either by the teacher or by a qualified teaching assistant recruited for this purpose according to his profile. The same program will be carried out in full respect of the school programs, the teacher will follow each group alternately. From CE2 to CM2, real estate constraints have led us to offer a hybrid solution. The classes are divided into 2 groups: group A and group B. Group A is welcomed by the teacher while group B is at home with access to the class by videoconference. The interaction remains close to face-to-face teaching. The student can interact with his classmates and his teacher during the video, we have invested to allow quality and efficiency of the connections. Groups A and B alternate every 3 days. The bond with the teacher is never broken. Children at home can ask questions, check their answers, view documents ... as if they were in class. We are considering a welcome for students who are not sufficiently independent or for whom a mode of supervision at home is not possible. Please contact us in this case. However, we are reaching the limits of what we can offer.

Mr. Weber, the new director, will present the details in a communication starting next week.

Secondary Academic City: real estate constraints have led us to offer a hybrid solution. The classes are divided into 2 groups: group A and group B. Group A is welcomed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 1 week out of 2 by the teacher while group B is at home with access to the class by videoconference. The interaction remains close to face-to-face teaching. The student can interact with his classmates and his teacher during the video, we have invested to allow quality and efficiency of the connections. Groups A and B alternate from Tuesday, every other week, and it is then group B that is welcomed by the high school teacher for the end of the week. The bond with the teacher is never broken. The student at home can question the teacher, check his answers, view the documents ... as if he were in class.

These hybrid modalities allow us, for families who want 100% distancing, to provide a very suitable solution, and to protect children's health as much as possible by reducing the time of exposure to the community. This is the strength of our educational proposal at LFIGP.

Sharjah: reception of 100% of students in groups divided by level with support either by the teacher, or by the nursery assistant or the teaching assistant depending on whether the child is enrolled in kindergarten or elementary school. There will however be, as mentioned at the beginning, a transition period. Indeed, the education authorities in Sharjah allow, at the beginning of the year, only 25% of the pupils. The ramp-up of hospitality will last approximately 1 month. The educational responsibility remains that of the teacher. The same program will be carried out in full respect of the school programs.

The Director is preparing a communication for the beginning of next week.

We are well aware of the challenges of this very special return to school, which we wish to be efficient, solid and structured. We will adapt to various situations with the flexibility of hybridization.

For any family who would like exclusively distance learning, thank you for letting us know by returning an email to the following address: inscription@lfgp.ae.

In terms of investments, many changes have been implemented to reassure you about the sanitary conditions deployed by the LFIGP in perfect line with the KHDA, the SPEA and the health authorities:

- Reorganization of the premises with social distancing of 1.50 m;
- Installation of tunnels at the entrance to all sites for taking the temperature (except AC2, this will be in the hall);
- Installation of hydroalcoholic gel dispensers;
- Establishment of social distancing marks and direction of movement;
- Development of an isolation room per site and implementation of a strict protocol if a COVID situation is proven;
- Purchases of mobile air fresheners to provide air purification in clinics;
- Daily disinfection of classrooms;
- Purchase of educational materials and digital technical arrangements to enable a solid digital plan;
- Closure of water fountains. The uniform now includes the purchase of a gourd.

On all our sites with the exception of Oud Metha, catering will be possible either by lunch box provided by the family or by registration with Ansamble for a lunch box at AC2 or meal tray at AC1.

A detailed communication for transport is being drafted and will be submitted to you shortly.

Thank you for your confidence in these still troubled times which require adaptation, flexibility and patience. With all the teams, I wish you and your children a safe and safe back to school 2020/2021. The terms of the start of the September 2 and 3 will be communicated on the website next Monday.

P. Charlery, Head of LFIGP.