

Dear Parents,

All of the Dubai sites held welcome days as planned on September 2nd and 3rd. The Sharjah school, meanwhile, has started the school year at distance as demanded by local authorities. The students were happy to find their school, which is certainly different, the converted premises, their classmates and the staff who will supervise them throughout this very special year for the moment.

Once again, Happy return to all!

We are still under the scope of visits and inspections by KHDA and DHA to verify the application of instructions and protocols.

Two points still require efforts and a good understanding of all:

- Respect for social distancing between children. As a reminder, the distance is 2 m in outdoor areas and 1.5 m in common areas. It is essential to respect and enforce this constraint. Any relay from you to the children will be appreciated. Friendly hugs are also prohibited.

- Respect for social distancing for parents of students. As a consequence, I thank you, if ever you had to wait for your children, for promoting this social distancing by respecting the 2 meters on the various spots or waiting for your children in your air-conditioned vehicles.

The LFIGP could be fined, for failure to comply with national protocol, we could face closure of the establishment if these simple measures are not implemented. We therefore share a collective responsibility.

I come back once again to the teaching methods. We are continuing our search for internal spaces allowing changes in our reopening plan in a context of tight flow. We benefit from the expertise of the Inspector of National Education, guarantor of our educational solutions. We are confident that we can get back to you with some temporary but moderately satisfactory solutions, especially on the Academic City Elementary site.

All the students who were expected face-to-face over the past two days were welcomed by the teachers and the administrative and school life teams. The same for those at a distance thanks to the systems put in place from elementary to final grades so that no student has the feeling that they are not going back to school.

We were able to welcome the new families during meetings which were rich in exchanges and information.

The coming weeks will represent a real technical and organizational challenge for an establishment with more than 2,850 students. I thank you for your confidence in these complex times which require listening, kindness and understanding. The Pompidou high school is, and will remain, I agree, the flagship of French education in Dubai because the determined teaching methods allow the quality to which you are accustomed, the maintenance of the skills acquired from March to June and a rise in skills of new tools of the future that will reinforce the skills and know-how of your children.

Together we will succeed in this challenge, thanks to the professionalism of the teams, the commitment of teachers and management and your renewed confidence.

A nice coming back to school to you all!

P. Charlery, Head of LFIGP.

