

2 August 2020

Dear Students and Parents,
cc National Committees

Following our communication of 30 July and as we wait for your return, we continue to prepare the school and liaise with government and healthcare professionals both within Tanzania and beyond.

We understand that making the move to open school and welcoming you all back is exciting for all and worrying for many. In this world that is currently in such a state of flux, we are striving to make reasonable and careful decisions with you (your child's) safety at the forefront of all we do. To try and keep the population safe, the Tanzanian government is now requesting negative COVID-19 tests from everyone upon entering the country. The test should be no more than 72 hours old. We appreciate that for some this may be difficult to obtain and ask that you contact us if you are in this position.

As we see a number of spikes in COVID-19 cases around the world, and with our limited ability to quarantine large numbers of students on campus at any one time, we have decided to delay the resumption of all classes until 17 August 2020. The rationale for this decision is given below:

- The majority of our boarders will arrive back in school between 3 and 9 August, this timeframe will give us over a week to monitor them.
- Day students, some of whom have also been travelling, will be able to undertake a period of self isolation at home. Day students will be able to return to campus on 17 August.

In practice, this means that boarding students once they arrive on campus will be confined to campus. There will be no town trips or permission granted to go to local shops. The campus dukas will open on 4 August for essentials. Should students need something not stocked in the duka, they will be able to make a request for it to be purchased. During this time, students will be allowed to congregate in small groups outside and asked to practice reasonable physical distancing when inside.

After reopening on 17 August, DP latecomers will be quarantined in existing empty accommodation for a week before joining lessons. Students quarantining together will, however, be able to eat meals and congregate together in small groups outside.

Additional measures to be introduced include the wearing of masks by all visitors, including parents, when entering buildings on campus. Of course, anyone is able to wear a mask at any time should they wish. Where possible, visitors will be met by staff outside and meetings will take place outside. Everyone is expected to wash their hands with soap and water upon entering the campus. All other measures which have previously been communicated will remain in force.

On both campuses we have provision for the isolation and monitoring of students in the event that anyone becomes unwell. They will be treated symptomatically on the advice of medical personnel.

Whilst we understand that the transmission of COVID-19 between individuals under the age of 13 is minimal, in the interests of protecting our entire community, these measures will be applied to the entire student population.

The school will continue to review the situation with the input of government and health professionals, and we also continue to welcome feedback from parents.

As we live through these unprecedented and confusing times, we thank you for your patience and understanding,

Warm regards,

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