



NEWSLETTER

May 2020

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Kia ora koutou, Greetings

It is a joy to have our students back at school. The excitement is obvious as they catch up with friends and teachers. This week's focus has been on wellbeing; aroha, understanding, manaakitanga, resettling into our new normal and of course the public health measures for Level 2.

- If you get a call from our office that your child is unwell, we expect you to come to the school immediately. If you can't do this then please make arrangements for someone else to collect your child. It's good to have this sorted just in case.
- We are required to trace all adults coming on to school property. Anyone entering between 8.30 am – 3.30 pm will need to sign in through the office.
- Remember to stay away if you or your child has any symptoms of cold or flu, always sign in if you enter the grounds, wash your hands or sanitise when entering or leaving buildings, and keep your distance, that means staying out of others 'breathing space'.
- BYOD stands for "bring your own device", and refers to pupils owning devices like laptops, iPads and Chromebooks for use in the classroom, and for homework. Students will need their own device (or device lent during lockdown). A mobile phone is NOT a learning device. All our devices were allocated to students over the lockdown period and we currently have no devices for use in school. Students who were loaned devices over the lockdown period are to continue using them until further notice.
- BYO Salat mat/ Musallah. To help us reduce the spread of Covid-19; to avoid sharing and the need to sanitise the mats before and after use, please send your daughter/s to school with something they can pray on. Such as a towel, pillowcase, scarf, facecloth etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 25 May - Eid Holiday

Tuesday 26 May - Teachers Only Day

Wednesday 27 May - Normal School Day, Eid Celebration. Eid clothes can be worn today (no casual mufti). Many families have struggled because of lock-down so we encourage simplicity in dress. There is no bring a plate this year as Level 2 protocols of 'no sharing' apply.

Monday 1st June - Queens Birthday, Public Holiday

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LOCKDOWN PARENT PARTNERSHIP



Alhamdulillah...we have so much to be thankful for. Allah has given us an opportunity to be still.

But for many of us the roads have also been rocky. We were in a global space where we were part of a global fight; we were part of a 5 million team in New Zealand trying to stamp out the virus and keep our country safe, and we were part of our own families making the best of a difficult situation.

Teachers were thrust into an online platform with little to no preparation. Students were being asked to learn in ways that challenged everything they ever knew before. Bedrooms and lounges were always their havens away from school, but those very bedrooms and lounges became their classrooms. Some loved it, some didn't manage too well.

But we all learnt. We learnt from each other. Never before have teachers learnt so much from our students and you were part of that process. At Zayed College we have historically struggled with parent partnership. For many parents, school has always been the place you drop your kids, but COVID has changed all that. Parents are the centrepiece of their children's education. Without parental support, our jobs are empty. We could not have had the successful online space without your support.

I am asking you to not stop. Do not stop the communication with your daughter's teachers. Do not stop asking your daughter the questions of what she has learned. Do not stop your parent partnership with us. We loved having you be part of your daughter's learning journey and implore you, please don't stop now.

ABSENCES

Most students have now returned to their school having experienced learning from home in a variety of ways.

At Level 2, almost all children and young people are able to attend school including students in years 11 to 13.

The only exceptions are:

- children or young people who are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms
- are in isolation,
- Or are awaiting the result of a test.

The Ministry of Education's guidelines to schools is to follow up who is not attending school despite the Ministry of Health clearance. Any students who are not attending for any other reasons other than the above, normal non-attendance procedures will apply.

We will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry weekly, from 29 May. The purpose is to:

- report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period
- inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation, and
- Evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

We appreciate your efforts and willingness to work with us over the past months. What we have achieved together is extraordinary and we look forward to working with you to prepare for what is ahead.



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Paperless permission slips: Parents and caregivers can electronically sign forms & permission slips directly from your school app. Submitted forms and permission slips are directly emailed to the schools chosen email address.



Notices: All push notifications (instant messages) sent from the school are recorded here as well any school notices.

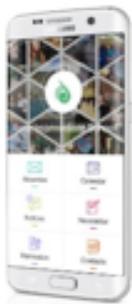


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