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Dear Parents,

We understand that parents have doubts regarding why and how hybrid learning is going to be implemented in the new Academic Year 2022-23. A common query is why regular classes have not resumed despite the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain stopping the use of the traffic light system and easing all restrictions in indoor and outdoor spaces.

We would like to notify you that while the National CoViD policy has been updated, schools have been asked to follow Ministry of Education CoViD guidelines until we receive further directives from them. Therefore, we continue to follow the CoViD guidelines and safe social distancing protocols that were being followed during the green traffic light system.

This includes, but is not limited to, the maintaining of a 0.5 m social distance between students at all times. Thereby, keeping those guidelines in place, it is possible to accommodate only half the class strength (50% capacity) in a class at a given time. This is the reason that students have to be divided into two batches in the event that a class/section has more than 50% of students opting for in-person learning. In this manner, students of each batch will have an opportunity to attend in-person learning for 2 days of the week, with the remaining 3 days being online classes of which the common online learning day for both batches will be Tuesday.

As is evident, this problem does not arise when less than half of the class strength (less than 50% capacity) opts for in-person learning. **Therefore, classes in which less than 50% students opt for in-person learning, all in-person learning students can attend school on all 5 days.**

Additionally, in order for parents to be able to set their transport days once they have opted for in-person learning at school, **we will not allow any online student to shift to in-person learning anytime during the whole term.** A shift like this could result in a class having to be split into batches mid-term and thereby disrupt the routine for all other parents and students in that class.

As a school, we would like nothing more than for things to return to normalcy and all our students to be back with us in school. Until that happens, we expect your cooperation to ensure that learning is uninterrupted in any way and that the school functions in the best manner possible. We are in touch with the Ministry of Education and will promptly keep you updated on any further directives from them.

Principal