

WSS September Blended Programme Reopening Plans From 27/9/20

Updated 7/10/20

Updated:7/10/20

- We have received SPEA approval to reopen from 27/9/20, but please note that dates & arrangements are subject to Authority change. Plans will be reviewed according to student learning/wellbeing needs, SPEA & other authority regulations & the current COVID-19 situation. We understand that the uncertainty of the current situation is unsettling & stressful, & while we hope that the situation will settle by the end of Term 1, we must wait for Authority confirmation & guidance.
- Parent must submit 1) a signed Contract, 2) COVID negative test result (for G7-12), 3) the Travel Declaration form & 4) a Medical Fitness to attend school certificate (for vulnerable children), before their child joins school.
- Never send your child to school if sick, has a high temperature or has flu-like symptoms. Since the Bus staff & users, Teacher & whole class group would have to be quarantined in case of confirmed case of COVID-19, it is critical that we avoid any cases of illness in Bus/school. No person with a temperature of 37.5 & above will be admitted onto school premises.
- Any child who is sent home sick would have to provide a current, negative COVID-19 test result before rejoining class.
- Authorities require all Parents to download the government's Al Hosn App (find it in your phone App store)
- Students' safety is a priority. Social Distancing (1.5m for children in school, 2m for visiting adults), Sanitization, mask-wearing & Health & Safety measures need to be followed as per Authority instructions by all visitors & the WSS community.

Parents who have opted for the Blended Programme:

- Parents will not be allowed beyond Reception 7:30am-2pm..
- Parents have signed-up for their preferred option before joining back on the School Contract & their child will remain on this option until Thursday 29th October after which time changes may be made to the Programme chosen, subject to space. Programmes will be reviewed at the end of October for the rest of Term 1, considering COVID-19 situation & Authority regulations.
- Both RLP & Blended Programme Curriculum provision will be the same, as far as possible.
- G2-12 children to bring a Mobile phone to school daily, so parents can call them from class at home time. The phone may only be switched on after 1pm. Misuse of the phone is a disciplinary matter.
- Students will gradually return to school in grade batches starting from Sunday 27/9/20 as per the table below. Students will attend 100% RLP until their joining back date. Each class will be split into two smaller groups, Group A & Group B, who will rotate for 50% of a 2-week timetable.
- All siblings will be put into Group A to support parents' convenience, unless otherwise requested by parents.
- Group/Class & Programme changes will be considered as per usual Class Transfer policy (meet/email PRE for a Class/Programme Transfer form)
- Whichever Programme option you choose, all students must attend school for their compulsory online international assessments.
- Students over age 6 must bring 2 face masks to school daily & a small bottle of personal hand-sanitizer. They will not be admitted into school without wearing a face mask. You may send a face shield with your child if you wish (please ensure that you train your child to use these responsibly).
- Due to Social Distancing requirements, morning Drop-off & afternoon Pick-up times for OT children may be staggered over 30 minutes. Do please stick to the designated timing to support safety.

	Activity	Details	Comments
1	Dates for Rejoining School for	Students may only rejoin school when: 1. A negative COVID-19 test has been submitted to the class teacher (students over age 12, G7-12) 2. The Contract has been submitted to the Class/Form Teacher	Start dates will be staggered over four weeks as per Authority

the Blended Programme

- 3. The Travel Declaration has been returned to the Class/Form Teacher
- 4. If your child is vulnerable due to health reasons, parent must submit a Medical Clearance to attend school Certificate to the Clinic.

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building beyond Reception between 7:30am-2pm.

At morning Drop-off (7:30-8am), Own Transport (OT) Students will enter the building as follows:

Time	Who	Enter into School Via
7:30-8am	KG-G5 G6-12 Boys	 Through Main Gate #1, then the main Reception & through to the rear, security doors, where they will be guided by staff. KG1 will be taken o class by staff. KG2-G12 must make their own way to class. Staff are there to guide as required. Parents are not allowed to enter the main building
	G6-12 Girls	Through Main Gate #1, then around West Block to enter via
		the Bus Parking doors

Students may rejoin/attend school from the following dates:

Dow/Doto	Section		
Day/Date	Junior (KG1-G1)	Primary (G2-5)	Secondary (G6-12)
Sunday 27/9/20	KG1 KG2	G2	G10, G11 & G12
Sunday 4/10/20	KG1 KG2 G1	G2 G5	G10, G11 & G12 G8 & G9
Sunday 11/10/20	KG1 KG2 G1	G2 G5 G3	G10, G11 & G12 G8 & G9 G7
Sunday 18/10/20	KG1 KG2 G1	G2 G5 G3 G4	G10, G11 & G12 G8 & G9 G7 G6

- School Gate opening Time
- Due to Social Distancing requirements, children & parents are not allowed to gather in large groups (such as in East/West Forecourts). Therefore, please <u>drop your child at school between 7:30-8am</u>.
 School gates will not be open before 7:30am.
- We understand that some parents who work in other Emirates would like to drop

25%, 50%, 75%, 100% of the Blended students), so that we can induct & settle the students safely.

regulations (a return of

		 Parents are allowed 10 minutes on campus to drop-off & pick-up. All students, staff & parents/visitors will have a temperature scan on entering the building. 	their children in school early in the morning before 7:30am. However, we are managing critical circumstances & at this time early gate timings are not possible. Parents who are unable to drop or pick up their child at the designated time may wish to temporarily opt for Bus transport or 100% RLP.
3	Programme School Timings	 KG Blended Programme; 50% Face-to-face time from 7:30-10:30am, followed by 50% RLP time from 12-2:15pm G1-12 Own Transport (OT) Drop-off times in the morning are from 7:30-8am OT Pick-up times at home time will be from 1-1:30pm 	Timings vary between Sections.
4	OT Pick-up at home time	 Fick-up time from West Lobby doors is from 10:15 am until 10:30 am. Please do not enter the school. Please maintain a social distance of 2m from others at all times. If you wish to meet your teacher, please email for a Teams meeting appointment. Please call the following mobile number when you have reached school & want the Teacher to send out your child. This mobile is only open for afternoon pick-up arrangements from 1-1:30pm. 	 Parents have a 10-minute window to pick up their child. Please be on time as being late will compromise safety & is a disciplinary issue. If you wish to meet the class teacher, please email for an online appointment.
		Grade 01 - H1 / H2 971521122798 Grade 01 - D1 / D2 971526676259 Grade 01 - S1 / S2 971526676203 Grade 01 - F1 / F2 971526676149 G2-12 Students are expected to be in their allocated seats till the notification/call comes from their parent. Once the notification/call is received the teacher will release the student go to the pick-up point with social distancing & following the one-way rule.	

5	Digital Devices & Mobile Phone	 For any issues contacting your child at home time for pick-up, please call the following mobile (this mobile is only open for afternoon pick-up arrangements from 1-1:30pm.)	 All Device use will be subject to our usual Device Contract policies. Misuse of any Device is a serious disciplinary issue. School is not responsible for loss or damage to any Device.
6	COVID-19 Test (G7-12)	 COVID-19 tests are compulsory for students over the age of 12 (G7-12). The negative COVID-19 test result document (the Al Hosn screen shot of the negative result is acceptable) must be scanned & emailed to the class teacher before joining back to school. No G7-12 student will be admitted to class without having submitted proof of a negative test result. Any student who is sent home from school sick with COVID-type symptoms must obtain a COVID PCR test. If the result is negative and there is a clinical assessment of a probable COVID-19 case, the patient should complete a 14-day quarantine. If the result is negative and there is no clinical assessment for a probable case, the patient can resume school as long as they are symptom-free after reassessment by school medical team. 	 Bus students will not be admitted onto the bus without their negative COVID-19 Test result. OT students who come to school without the negative COVID-19 Test result document will not be admitted to class. Parent will be called for immediate pick-up.
7	Babysitting & Late Pick-up	 There will be no Babysitting facility due to Social Distancing & Health & Safety requirements. Students must be picked-up on time. If parents are unable to pick their child up on time, please opt for BBT Bus transport or the 100% RLP Programme. Follow-up action by school for late pick up will be: Verbal Warning Written warning (email) Written Incident Report Incident Report with deducted Behaviour Points Warning Letter with deducted Behaviour Points Child moved off the Blended Programme to 100% online RLP 	Late Pick-up is a health & safety risk & is a disciplinary issue.
8	Attendance	• Students are expected to have regular attendance on whichever programme has been opted for.	

		 If your child is on the 100% RLP programme, regular attendance is mandatory & attendance recording will be online. If your child is on for the Blended Programme, then class attendance on assigned days is mandatory. School's regular attendance policy applies (Medical Fitness Certificate is required for leave of more than 2 days). 	
9	Curriculum Delivery	 KG1 & KG2 For Blended Programme students Face-to-Face (F2F) lessons will run from 7:30am till 10:15am. These lessons will be face-to-face lessons in the classroom (limited by the number of students who can be accommodated with the safe distance of 1.5m in each class) Classes split into A & B groups. Groups A & B will rotate. On Tuesdays all students (Groups A & B) will have RLP at home. For 100% RLP Programme for KG, sessions will run from 12:00 till 2:15pm daily. These lessons will be synchronous, face-to-face sessions with their class teacher If Blended students want to join the RLP sessions for additional reinforcement when they reach home, they are welcome. All students are required to switch on the camera while doing RLP lessons so that the teacher can monitor their learning and online skills. All students are required to follow the netiquettes of e-learning. Parent interruption during online sessions is strictly not allowed. In case you have a query please email the teacher & she will get back to you after the lesson. The lesson time is for the teacher to focus with the children. In case you have any concern or query please send an email to the class teacher and she will book a Teams appointment to 'meet' you. If a child unmutes his/her mic unnecessarily and causes disturbance in the lesson, the teacher can remove the child from the meeting to ensure lesson delivery is smooth. All work assigned by the teacher should be attempted by the children independently. Parents or adults should not write for the child nor should they prompt the child unnecessarily. G1 G1 will have 5 lessons each day, thus giving 25 LESSONS per week over a 2-week cycle. The F2F lessons will be delivered by the respective subject teachers. Students who have opted for 100% RLP online will be able to access live telecast of the lessons simultaneously from home. 	 We must minimize students' mingling & keep them within their designated group as much as possible. Social distancing must be maintained (1.5m between students). There will be no Library visits for the first half Term. This will be reviewed. All students are required to attend school for external, SPEA-required assessment exams, such as CAT4, Progress Tests etc. These marks will be linked to the Term Report grades & are compulsory to attend.

		 Primary & Secondary (G2-G12) Class split into A & B groups of 50% each. Groups A & B will rotate over a 2-week timetable (2 days-3 days per week, on alternate days). All lessons will be synchronous interactive face-to-face lessons in the classroom (limited to the number of students that can be accommodated with the safe distance of 1.5 m in each class), or RLP where students can access the live telecast of the lessons from home. Each day will have 5 lessons, thus giving 25 lessons per week over a 2-week cycle. The F2F lessons will be delivered by the respective subject teachers. Students who have opted for e learning will be able to access live telecast of the lessons simultaneously from home. All curriculum requirements of NCfE, IGCSE, AS/A will be taught in KS3, KS4 and KS5 respectively. Relevant Schemes of Work will be uploaded on Phoenix. Blended Learning Programme: Class split into A & B groups of 50% each. Both groups A & B will run the same time table for all subjects. Groups A & B will rotate over a 2-week timetable (2 days-3 days per week, on alternate days). The group that is in school will have F2F with the teacher and the group at home will attend lessons through 	
		 their TEAMS/Phoenix Classroom on their laptop. Classes will run as Blended learning sessions; the collaboration of F2F and online students will be enabled through appropriate online platforms and tailored pedagogical practices. F2F and online learners will use digital platforms to record and save their work to minimize use of hard copy materials. Each student will have a named allocated desk that will be used only by them all through the day. 100% RLP Distance Learning Programme: MS Teams and Phoenix classroom platforms will be used. 	
		Students will be expected to submit their work on MS Teams or MS One note.	
10	Snack & Water	 The <u>Canteen will be closed</u>. Healthy snack food must be brought from home daily. Water fountains are not allowed. <u>Students must bring enough water</u> for the full day. Please send <u>healthy</u> sandwiches, rice, pasta, salads, fruit, vegetables, etc. Healthy food is brain food! 	Avoid sending nuts (some children have fatal nut allergies), & unhealthy fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets, chocolates, cake, other junk food, etc.
11	Books	 Please purchase books through your online portal. There is a home delivery option. Once the school opens for students, parents may only visit the Bookstore after 2pm. We are waiting for some books to be delivered & expect them to be available shortly. Meanwhile, we will use digital devices & resources for teaching & learning 	• It is not allowed for students to share books & stationary, therefore please ensure that your child brings all required items to school daily.
12	Vulnerable children	If your child (or someone your child lives with) has an underlying medical or physical condition (see below list) that would make attending school in the current COVID-19 situation concerning, child must opt for	If you wish your child to join the Blended

		100% RLP. If parent insists child attends school, a medical clearance certificate that states that it is safe for them to be present on campus, has to be submitted by the parent to school clinic. High risk group: Serious heart conditions such as ischemic heart disease Diabetes mellitus Uncontrolled hypertension Chronic lung/respiratory disease including moderate to severe asthma Chronic kidney disease and renal failure Chronic liver disease Cancer patients who are still undergoing treatment Use of biologics or immunosuppressive medications History of transplant Severe obesity (body mass index more than 40) or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled Any health conditions that may compromise immunity People with disability (people of determination) People staying at long term care centers	Programme despite being in one of these mentioned categories, parent must submit a 'Medical Fitness to Attend School' certificate from their Doctor to the school Clinic. Please feel free to contact the school Clinic or Head of Inclusion in case of any query Please contact your child's SLT member, school Clinic or Ms. Rema the Head of Inclusion to keep us updated about your child's needs & situation We understand that some parents prefer to keep their children at home for a little longer, and we fully support these families with 100 % RLP. We will ensure their special educational/ behavior/ emotional needs will be met with the same commitment everyday as usual.
13	Clinics	 As well as our Girls' & Boys' designated Clinics, we have arranged an Isolation Room, where suspected cases would wait for parent collection. Children suspected of having COVID-19 would obtain a COVID PCR test. If the result is negative and there is a clinical assessment of a probable COVID-19 case, the patient must complete a 14-day quarantine. If the result is negative and there is no clinical assessment for a probable case, the patient can resume school as long as they are symptom-free after reassessment by school If there is any confirmed case of COVID-19, the parents of classmates would be informed. If the case was confirmed, all those who had been in contact with the COVID-19 case would commence 14 days self-quarantine period: 	Due to the unsafe & disruptive nature of potential/actual infection, it is most important not to send any sick child to school

		 If close contact develops symptoms or is at higher risk of developing respiratory complication: seek health care and obtain a COVID PCR test. If PCR is positive: self-isolate until PCR result is negative and to submit a clearance certificate with negative PCR test result to clinic before resuming school for reassessment. If PCR is negative: and free of symptoms return to school on completing 14 days of quarantine after reassessment by school medical team. The Clinic team would monitor & follow-up such cases. If any Teacher suspects a student of having COVID-19, the Clinic staff would be called to escort the case to the Isolation Room for further investigation. Parents must commit to collecting their child from school quickly, in case their child is a suspected case of COVID-19. 	
14	Washroom Use	 Washrooms will be assigned to specific classes. Washrooms will be labelled accordingly & will be staffed by a full-time attendant. Washrooms will be sanitized hourly & as used (as per Authority guidelines) 	Students are expected to take responsibility for following social distancing & direction signs & rules,
15	Breaks	 Break times will be rotated to ensure social distancing & safe play in the available play spaces. (exact class time TBC) Break times will be fully supervised. 	plus stick to their assigned washroom & Break time spaces throughout the day for their own safety.
	Moving around school	 During the day, students' movement around school will be limited to their classroom, Washroom, play area for Break, & the Clinic if required. Students will be accompanied by their teachers to Break along one-way corridor systems. Students must follow the one-way system around the corridors. Students will spend the day with their assigned group, depending on class & subject options. Wherever possible, Teachers will move to different classrooms, & the children will stay in their home room. 	Deliberate failure to follow Health & Safety rules will be considered a serious disciplinary issue.
16	BBT Bus Safety	 Face masks need to be provided by parents. All vehicles will be sanitized prior to each AM and PM journey. All records will be maintained as per regulatory requirements. Hand sanitizers will be available with the bus staff only, parents need to provide sanitizers to their ward. All bus users must wear an appropriate face mask for operating or travelling in the vehicle. Bus operator / user touch points to be sanitized at the end of each journey and deep vehicle sanitization provided at the end of each day. Temperature checks to be carried out for all bus users prior to boarding the bus and will not be permitted to board the bus if their temperature is equal to or above 37.5°C. Parents will have to wait with students until the bus departs. Driver checked by supervisor prior to departure and before student collection. Bus Guardian checked by supervisor prior to departure and before first student collection. 	Hand Sanitizer (HS) is not stored in any vehicle due to risk of combustion with prolonged heat exposure. HS must be personal issue to reduce multi touch and risk of skin allergy.

		 Buses will be operated in line with the regulator's capacity requirements (50% Seating Capacity) Buses will have clear seating plan and markers on each seat in line with the seat capacity requirements. Students to maintain physical distancing standards for each journey. Students to maintain the PPE protocol (wearing a face mask) for each journey. No food or fluids to be consumed on any vehicle Students/staff with medical conditions (non COVID) are exempted from wearing an FM but must provide a medical certificate. No student will be permitted to travel on any school bus service if they have any symptoms related to COVID-19 or having had contact with symptomatic cases. All buses will have adequate signage inside the bus to guide students towards hygiene practices. Signs will be placed on seats for seating guidance. If a child begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 while taking the bus, the child is considered a probable COVID-19 case. If the trip was for drop off at home, the child would be dropped off first. If the trip was for drop off at the school, the child would be isolated until collected by parent. The child should not return to school until the PCR result is obtained. If the result is negative, the child should not return to school until they are symptom-free. If the result is positive, the traced contacts of
17	Uniform	
18	Travel	Students travelled back to UAE must commence a 14-day quarantine before returning to school.