

Modern English School Cairo



Care, Challenge and Inspire



What will school be like in Year 1 and Year 2 starting the 2020/2021 academic year?



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What will learning look like in classrooms?



Learning Spaces

Year 1: Classroom tables will have restricted numbers on each table and for each activity. Our tables will be clearly marked to remind everybody how many students can learn at each one. The Pod areas will be used on a rota basis to reduce numbers of children and teachers using the Pod at any one time. Use of the outdoor spaces will also be arranged by rota.

Year 2: Students will have an allocated table to sit at with space between each desk. Desks will be placed to face forwards. The Pod areas will be used on a rota basis. Yards will also be accessed on a rota basis only.



Equipment - Year 2

Upon arrival, students will place their bag on the back of their chair as access to communal shared storage and pegs will no longer be permitted. Please be mindful of the size of the bag and only bring what is absolutely necessary.



Continuous Provision

Mindfulness activities will form an important part of our daily routine and will be integrated into lessons. Handwashing times will be a part of the daily schedule. The first six weeks of term will incorporate a whole Primary School topic 'Here we are - we are MES Cairo' based on the book 'Here We Are' written by Oliver Jeffers. This will allow students to reconnect with one another while adjusting to new school routines and expectations. Regular check-ins and formative assessment will play an important role in supporting students' wellbeing and helping students to learn to the greatest extent possible.



Weekly Schedule

During their time at school, students will have the following curriculum areas timetabled into their daily schedule:

Phonics, Literacy (Guided Reading, SPaG, Writing), Maths, Integrated Topic (Literacy, PSHE, Science, Humanities, Computing), Continuous Provision (Year 1), Specialist lessons and Arabic.



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What items does my child need in their school bag?

Face mask or face shield should be worn at all times.

- Hand sanitiser
- Refillable water bottle
- Pencil case for stationery items (please refer to the equipment list included in your 'Welcome Letter').

How is the structure of the school day going to be different?

Lessons: Students will still have the same number of lessons as 'normal' school with the same curriculum areas, including Specialist lessons. Lessons will, however, be shortened (similar to the Ramadan schedule).

Breaks: Breaks will be timetabled to limit the number of classes on the yard at any one time. Social distancing will be ensured by duty teachers.

End of the school day: Walk to the bus will take place at staggered times to avoid congestion at the bus chute.



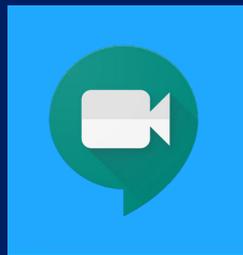


What will school be like in Year 1 and Year 2?

What is the relationship between school learning and online learning at home?



At home: All home learning will be placed on Google Classroom . New content will be taught during face-to-face instruction when students are at school. Follow-up activities will be completed through activities uploaded onto Google Classroom.



Google Meet sessions will be offered by teachers to provide support to students on days when they are working at home. Times of class Google Meets will be posted on the Google Classroom.



Start of Term 1: During the first 3 days of term, when Group A is in school, Group B will complete revision and consolidation work. Class teachers will indicate what tasks need to be completed and submitted for marking.



'Parent Workshop' videos will be made for parents when new concepts are being taught. This will support teaching and learning at home.



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If travelling to and from school by car, where do I drop/collect my child(ren)?

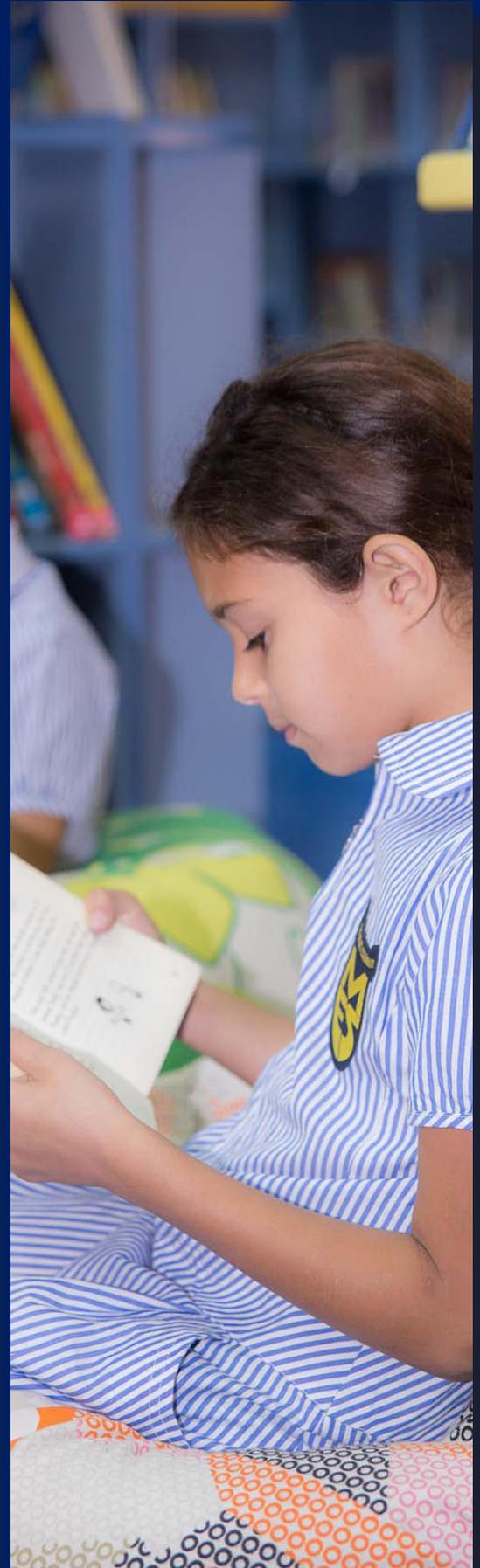
All students who arrive by car will be dropped off at Gate 4.

To avoid crowding, Y1 car students will be collected from Gate 2 and Y2 students from Gate 3 at 1:15pm.



What changes are in place for break times?

- 1 half hour session - 1 class at a time.
- Teachers & TLAs to supervise their own classes.
- Snacks/lunch can be eaten in classrooms at a time suitable to the teacher (to allow more time to run around).
- Students bring food from home.





What will school be like in Year 1 and Year 2?

What additional measures are being taken to reduce student interaction?



Entry and exit to school will be managed to avoid congestion.



Two metre spots on the classroom floor for lining up.



If tables are used, signs will indicate how many students can sit at each table.



Students will walk on the right, in single file when moving around school, 2 metres apart.



There will be no carpet time until further notice.



What will school be like in Year 1 and Year 2?

What changes are in place for PE?

- PE lessons will focus on fitness.
- There will be no equipment used.
- Students will attend 2 sessions per week at school; 1 x 30 minutes and 1 x 20 minutes.
- TLAs will take hand sanitiser to PE lessons.

How will specialist lessons be taught in Primary?

- **Music:** in classrooms, we will learn rhymes, rhythm and singing. There will be no instruments. Students will attend 2 sessions per week at school; 1 x 30 minutes and 1 x 20 minutes.
- **Computing:** online learning and also integrated into topic lessons.
- **Art:** online learning.
- **Arabic:** in classrooms, 2 lessons per week/as scheduled.





What will school be like in Year 1 and Year 2?

What facilities are in place if children become sick at school?

As usual, your child will be taken to the school clinic where they will be cared for by our medical staff in the first instance.

If the situation is serious, parents will be contacted to be advised on the best course or action.

What cleaning procedures are in place at school?

All facilities and surfaces are constantly cleaned and sterilised throughout the day, to ensure the safest possible environment and the highest standards of hygiene.





What will school be like in Year 1 and Year 2?

Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns about learning/progress?

The classroom teacher is the first person of contact. Contact should be made via Google Classroom.



For further assistance:

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