



Welcome letter from the Principal's Desk September 2022.

Dear Parents and students,

Let me first say that I hope everyone has had a safe and happy holiday and I can tell you that my staff and I are looking forward to an exciting and productive term two. We have had two exciting days in the first week back including our 9th birthday here at Springdales School Dubai which we celebrated on the 1st of September and just yesterday we celebrated India's teachers' day with performances from Grades 1 and 2 in the morning and Grades 11 and 12 in the early afternoon. We also provided lunch for all of the teachers at our school which was very well received. This was a very special time.

As usual the senior leaders have been back at our school campus for two weeks all teachers were back in the last week of the summer break for professional development and time to prepare themselves for success in term two.

If you recall back to before the summer break in my Principal's Newsletter, I emphasised that I would keep everyone well informed of any changes as they occur at the beginning of this term.

In today's message there are two main points that I want to make, the first being that the current information about Covid restrictions for Dubai schools remains in the status quo from before the summer break.

Staying Safe

Updated safety standards for private schools, universities and early childhood centres in Dubai

What's New?

- Face masks are no longer required outdoors. They remain compulsory indoors.
- Children, students and staff who are considered close contacts but do not show Covid symptoms are not required to isolate and can continue attending classes.

What stays the same?

- Physical distancing
- Regular and consistent sanitisation
- Contact tracing by Health and Safety Officers
- Compliance with safety standards from Dubai Government authorities
- Close contacts can only return to school if they are free of symptoms.
- Positive Covid cases must isolate for 10 days

For students in Year 6/Grade 1 and above

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On my second point, I want to thank all of the parents who have had discussions with friends and colleagues about the benefits of attending Springdales school, Dubai. As I have said before, the most powerful form of advertising is 'word of mouth'. These referrals have taken our school enrolment to new heights and for the first time in my tenure the school is growing and exceeding pre-covid numbers.

I ask that you continue to make the sacrifices that allow our wonderful students to continue their education here at Springdale school. This means that many parents will need to pay the fees for the current term in the next two weeks.

It is always better to be at a 'growing' school than a 'diminishing' school, a growing school provides stability for staff in regard to their careers and allows us to provide innovative ways to support staff and students and we are also able to have resources to support these innovations. Growing schools have the stability that allows training for excellence which directly affects the quality of teaching and learning and pushes students' performance to a higher level. Growing schools have that intangible buzz about them that is palatable as you walk through the front doors, parents feel it, teachers feel it and students all feel it.

Growing schools also have new challenges such as remaining agile with teacher recruitment, timetables and class numbers to optimise learning for our students which often means students and parents are asked to make some adjustments. If this is the case for you, please be very confident that every decision we make is based on the premise that we are setting up all students for success both in the now and in an everchanging future.

This is THE TERM where we have uninterrupted focussed learning for 15 weeks, this is when you will see your children accelerate their learning which sets them up for a successful academic year. Please enjoy your child's new found intellect and maturity as much as we love seeing what a difference Springdales makes in every individual child.

Best regards,

Dr. Brian Gray
Principal
Springdales School Dubai