



ACE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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Newsletter

Dear Parents.

Just as we seem to be getting the better of things, something comes along and throws a curve ball at us. As stakeholders of ACEIA, we all need to take responsibility for dealing with the situation at hand. As per the directive of the Ministry of Health, we will inform you once we have been given permission to reopen the school.

Having spoken to many medical practitioners and parents during the past few weeks regarding Covid-19, there is 1 aspect on which everyone seems to agree and that is that this virus is real and it needs to be taken seriously. Unfortunately, there are many people around us who seem to have capitulated and resigned themselves to “going with the flow.” Many of our countrymen seem to have given up and taken up the view that immaterial of what you do, if you were meant to get it, then you will get it. As members of the ACE family, it is our combined efforts that will see us being victorious in the end. We all need one another to be strong in the face of adversity, encourage and support one another, take responsibility for what we do or say and share in the victory that is within our reach.

We are again sharing the basic information regarding the precautions that we all need to take. If we stick to these, then we can all be safe.

- The school has updated its cleaning and disinfection policies to be in line with local and global health and safety guidelines.
- All school entry points will be equipped with thermal screening technologies. Students, staff, or visitors with a fever of 37.5 degrees Celsius or more will not be allowed to enter the school.
- Students and staff must bring their own masks and personal stationery (pencils, pens, rulers, etc...) and not share/ borrow any of the items with others.
- Water dispensers will be manned by staff to ensure proper disinfection and dispensing of water.
- Every student, staff member and visitor must wear a cloth mask at all times.
- Maintain a social distance of at least 3 to 6 feet with others.
- The phased approach to the departure of students will be followed.
- There will be staggered break times in order to prevent a concentration of students in common areas.

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- Avoid direct contact with others e.g shaking hands or hugging.
- Carry an approved alcohol-based hand sanitiser in the bag.
- Entry by visitors, parents will is prohibited unless they have an appointment.
- Students must bring their own lunch box and water bottle. Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, food or drinks with others.
- Students must carry school provided stationery pack.
- All seating arrangements and student distributions are designed to keep optimal social distancing between students and to align with government protocols for health and safety.
- Hand sanitizers have been placed across the campus.
- Visuals and signage have been placed in class to increase awareness.
- Regular classroom cleaning and disinfection procedures have been developed.
- Frequent hand washing will be promoted.

It is especially important to wash your hands:

- o Before eating or preparing food
 - o Before touching your face
 - o After using the restroom
 - o After leaving a public place
 - o After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - o After caring for someone sick
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- It is advisable that staff and students bring with them their own hand sanitizers and tissues, so they can frequently disinfect their hands and the surfaces they touch.
 - Touching own eyes, nose, and mouth should be avoided.
 - Students and staff will respect social distancing measures across the campus.
 - Students and staff should stay at home when sick
 - People should keep 1.5m apart across all the common areas in the school:
 - o Corridors
 - o Playground
 - o Bathrooms
 - o Pick-up/Drop-off waiting areas
 - All common areas will always be supervised
 - The number of students allowed into the bathroom will be limited at any one time
 - Playgrounds will be segregated into grade specific areas to minimize mixing



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- In the event of a positive case
 - o The Principal will inform the relevant authorities
 - o The school will immediately begin contact tracing
 - o Anyone who spent more than 15 minutes in a proximity of 2 m with the positive case, from the day of symptoms onset, or the day of the positive PCR test must begin a 14-day quarantine
 - o The school community will be informed of the positive case without revealing the identity of the patient
 - o Students must continue with online learning in case they have had to quarantine

PLEASE REMEMBER

If your child has tested positive for the virus, please **DO NOT** send them to school, even if they are not displaying any symptoms.

If your child is ill or is complaining of any of the Covid-19 symptoms, please **KEEP THEM AT HOME. DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.**

We would like to apologize again for the fact that we have had to resort to full time online lessons again. We implore you to take the necessary precautions to ensure that we all stay safe.

Yours in education

ACE Administration