

# GNMS Principal's Letter 1 School Closure

Dear Parents,

In line with the government-mandated closure of all schools in the UAE, GEMS New Millennium School will be closed starting from Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, as a precautionary measure to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

At present, the information provided is that all schools will be closed for 4 weeks.

During this time, I will communicate with you, on a weekly basis, outlining the planning and measures at NMS, to ensure that remote learning for Grades 10 and 12 (2022-21 batch) and e-learning across all other grades, is ongoing per the already set calendar.

We are pleased that all Grade 1 students and students of Grades 9 and 11 have completed their end of year assessments, across all subjects.

However, students from Grades 2 to 8, have assessments tomorrow and in the coming week as well. We will inform by tomorrow on the status of the same.

Tomorrow's assessments will happen as per schedule.

And, we will give you more information on the assessments scheduled for next week, if it will happen or not, by tomorrow.

All the end of year assessment reports (Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 9 and 11) will be uploaded to MyLearning, on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Consultation Meetings from Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 9 and 11, to discuss the end of year performance will happen online.

The meeting will be not more than 15 minutes. We request parents to be available at this time and take advantage of the opportunity to discuss your child's achievement during the year 2019-20.

Links for these meetings will be emailed to parents by the Homeroom Teacher, in the coming week.

We will adopt the below mechanisms for online/remote learning, for **students in Grades 10 and 12 (2020-21 batch)**:

Online/Remote Learning will be conducted from 8<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March.

The timetable and links to the online classroom will be emailed by the Homeroom Teacher by Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. All resources used during the online lessons will be uploaded to the MyLearning Portal. Mini-online assessments/evaluations and online tasks will be set up via Microsoft OneNote to ensure that all students are actively engaged in the learning for the next 2 weeks.

For Grades 1 to 8, there will be time bound tasks set on IXL Math, Gizmos Science (Grades 4 to 8), Asafeer (Arabic), Literacy Planet (Grades 1 to 4) and other tasks will be uploaded on MyLearning.

The same will be shared with you parents on a weekly basis by the Homeroom Teacher.

Students' performance on these tasks will be tracked and teachers will be in touch with parents via email.

The health, safety and welfare of our students, parents, staff and communities is our priority. We will get through to this time of uncertainty with communication and patience.

Your support in the coming days is much appreciated.

**Kind Regards,**

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