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Private School Principals (all international curricula) Greetings,

With reference to the latest announcements, and in order to keep all students safe, the following necessary preventive and precautionary measures have been taken at a national level to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The decisions include the following:

1. All private schools in the country are mandated not to have any students in the school premises for a period of 4 weeks starting from March 8 until April 4, 2020.

Vacation/resume date	From	To	Period
Student vacation	Sunday 8 th of March 2020	Thursday 19 th of March 2020	2 weeks
Resume teaching by distance learning	Sunday 22 th of March 2020	2 nd of April 2020	2 weeks
Teacher vacation	Sunday 8 th of March 2020	Thursday 19 th of March 2020	Based on agreement between the school and the teacher, given that teachers' vacation does not exceed students' vacation period

2. All private schools will continue to operate during the whole period (four weeks). School Principals must ensure their schools are ready for distance learning. This includes testing and upgrading the systems, training teachers and administrative staff, providing support to parents and carrying out other preparations to ensure the completion of curriculum requirements. Teachers can take their leave during the same period allocated for the students (8th March – 19th March), as per their agreement with the school.



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3. In keeping with the recent instructions and guidance issued by the Ministry of Health advising UAE citizens to avoid traveling to specific countries, **it is strongly advised that all members of private school staff whether they are students, teachers, administrators, or workers do not travel outside the country during this period.** All private school Principals must notify all staff members of this instruction and inform them that they will potentially be subject to a 14-day quarantine period and other relevant procedures upon their return from any of the countries specified by the relevant authorities.
4. All schools should ensure that students remain within the UAE during the period allocated to distance learning (22nd March – 2nd April). Schools must ensure that appropriate online safety measures are embedded into their programs.
5. School Principals should provide parents with all of the above information to ensure that parents understand their responsibilities and the potential implications should they decide to travel.

Kind Regards...