



28 August, 2022

Circular No: 04/2022-23

Subject: Reopening Update

Dear Parents

Please find below a few important pieces of information about school reopening:

1- Please find specific start dates in the table below.

Grade	Start Date		Grade	Start Date
Grades 1 & 2	29 th Aug 2022 Monday		KG 1& KG 2	1 st Sept 2022 Thursday
Grades 3, 4 & 5	30 th Aug 2022 Tuesday			
Grades 6,7 & 8	31 st Aug 2022 Wednesday			

2- Kindly note the revised school timings for the academic year 2022-23:

KG1 & KG2 – Class Registration Time: 7:50 am Monday to Thursday School Timing: 7:40 am – 1:00 pm Friday - 7:40 am to 11:20 am	Grades 1 to 8 – Class Registration Time: 7:50 am Monday to Thursday School Timing: 7:40 am – 2:30 pm Friday - 7:40 am to 11:20 am
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3- Entry and Exit

Students of KG1, KG2, Grade 1 and Grade 5,6,7,8 girls will enter and exit from Gate 2 (extreme right side of the building)

Students of Grade 2 and 3 will enter and exit from Gate 1 (Main Gate)

Students of Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 boys will enter and exit from Gate 3 (extreme left side of the building)



Procedure for bus students: Students using the school bus will enter and exit from the rear gate. Students will be screened before entering the bus and if the temperature is above 37 degrees, they will not be allowed to travel in the school bus. All students will have to be seated only on the seats assigned to them.

Procedure for students using private transportation: Students will be screened at the entrance and if they exhibit signs of illness or a temperature above 37 degree will be isolated and sent home immediately. Likewise, anyone exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms must not come to school and seek medical advice.

Exit procedure: The students using own transport will adhere to the following procedure:

- Parent will ask for their respective child at the gate assigned to the particular class.
- The child will be brought down to the gate and handed over to the parent.
- Please inform the school if someone else other than the driver will be picking the child up from the school.

There are bound to be delays during the morning and afternoon when you will drop off and pick your child up. Please be patient.

- 4- Please send your child with packed food and enough water. The water dispensers are available and are sanitized at regular intervals.
- 5- Bus nannies should contact parents today with the expected pick up and drop off time for your child/children. If you have not received a call by **Sunday evening**, please email sanal@gardencityschool.ae or contact on 056 414 4995
- 6- Full uniform is expected from day 1. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform - children arriving in their own clothes will be sent home.
- 7- All students aged 12+ needs a green **Al Hosn** and a **negative test result no more than 96 hours old on their first day at school - we will require to see this on the App at drop off and on boarding the bus on your child's first day in school.** Kindly provide a photocopy of the same with your child to be shown to the homeroom teacher. It is of the utmost importance that the school receives your child/children's PCR testing report before they will be allowed to enter the school premises.

Categories	New PCR requirement (effective from 23 rd August 2022)
PCR Tests and School Entry Requirements	<p>First-entry: A 96-hour valid PCR test is required for students aged 12+ (first-entry PCR testing locations and dates mentioned above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional tests and entry requirements: - A PCR test is required for those who have COVID-19 symptoms and they can return to school upon presenting the negative PCR test result and clearance of fever
Masks	<p>Only required indoors. However, removal of masks indoors is allowed only for the below categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in KG/FS • Students playing sports or participating in performing arts (e.g. singing, playing an instrument, theatre, dance) • Students of Determination with a doctor's note confirming the student cannot wear a mask
Distance Learning	<p>Only offered for the following categories of students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive COVID-19 test result • Exhibit symptoms and provide a sick leave letter
Visitors Entry Requirement	<p>Parents and visitors can enter the school premises upon presenting the Green Pass status on Al Hosn App. Kindly note for the first entry it is 96 hour validity. ** Note that PCR entry requirement is subject to change as per the latest notification received from ADEK and UAE authorities.</p>

- 8- Everyone is required to wear a mask at all times when inside the school building unless in FS or taking part in sport or performing arts.
- 9- All parents still need a green pass to enter the site for pick up and to enter reception. Masks are optional at pick up and drop off for parents.
- 10- Please ensure your child has an appropriate sized bag - ADEK regulations limit the size of the school bag and its weight - no trolley bags please. Books will stay in school so there is no need for children to bring a large bag.
- 11- During school hours, parents can only be allowed onto the school premises under special circumstances and only if they have a valid negative COVID-19 test result. Please remember that if your KG 1 child is having a difficult day, you may wait in the designated area for up to 10 minutes. Please keep in mind that you will not be able to enter the classrooms.

Please check your junk/spam folder and add @gardencityschool.ae to your mailing list.

We are very excited to see our students coming back to school, albeit in a phased return. The school is preparing for a safe and secure opening by ensuring that all safety measures are in place to protect both students and staff.

I wish you all a happy and enjoyable year ahead and look forward to seeing you all this week.

Warm regards,

Caroline Peel
Principal