



Detailed Plan for a Safe Return to School 2020-2021

The Lebanese Evangelical School - Tyre, based on the decisions and circulars of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the guidelines of the Ministry of Public Health, will commence distance learning for Grades 9 & 12 on September 21, 2020, this will be followed by the rest of the school according to the program that will be placed on the eSchool Agenda.


For the 2020-2021 academic year which will include blended learning (attendance and distance learning), we intend to follow the below schedule:

A. Start Dates for Blended Learning (attendance and distance learning)



Start Dates	Grade
September 28, 2020	Grades 9 & 12
September 30, 2020	Grade 11S
October 5, 2020	Grade 6
October 6, 2020	Grades 7, 8, 10 & 11SE
October 12, 2020	Grades 4 & 5
October 13, 2020	Grades 2 & 3
October 14, 2020	Grade 1
October 19, 2020	KG1
October 20, 2020	KG2 & KG3


B. COVID-19 Prevention Procedures for Students:



The Lebanese Evangelical School – Tyre will do its utmost to implement and follow the necessary measures and procedures in order to protect its students and educational and administrative staff from the Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, we urge everyone to follow the measures and procedures below:

i. Before Leaving for School

Parents' should monitor their child's health, ensuring that they take their child's temperature daily before leaving the house, if there is any suspicion of illness whatsoever, even if the symptoms are mixed with a cold (fever, and/or cough accompanied by difficulty in breathing, body pain or pressure in the chest, or loss of the ability to speak or move), in this case, the student should:

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- Stay at home, and parents should contact the Ministry of Public Health and the Judicial Medical Center to report the case.
 - Parents should immediately contact the hotline 01/594459 and follow the directions issued.

Parents are requested to cooperate with us in the following ways:



- Show students how to take care of their hygiene, especially washing hands and face with soap, and avoiding touching the face.
- Limit social contacts outside of school to the minimum.
- Ensure that the students are equipped with a face mask or face shield, wipes, and hand sanitizers. Also, sending an additional mask with each student is recommended. Please note that the school prefers the use of fabric masks (if possible).
- Sterilize the bag and all school supplies daily.

ii. When Entering the School:



- All buses, classrooms, playgrounds, and corridors that are used by students are sterilized daily.
- All students and teachers entering the school campus have their temperature checked.
- Students are divided into two groups when entering the school so as to avoid congestion.
- Gatherings, rest areas, and sports activities on the school campus are prohibited.

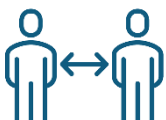
iii. Preventive Health Arrangements Within the School Campus:

To prevent the risks of the Covid-19 pandemic, the school will take the following measures:



- Ask the teaching and administrative staff and all employees and students to wear a mask on the school campus.
- Perform periodic cleaning and disinfection of corridors, door handles, windows, seats, bathrooms... and all the surfaces that students touch.
- Students are asked to wash and sterilize their hands continuously, between classes or during classes, as needed.
- Hand sanitizers are provided in the corridors and entrances of the school.
- Temperature is measured for anyone entering the school.
- Ensure that the classrooms are well-ventilated, and it is preferable to use natural ventilation (windows and doors always open).

iv. Students' Duties:



- Adhere to all the instructions required within the school campus and on the bus.
- Obligated to wear a medical or cloth mask, or wear a face shield on the school campus.
- Bring their personal belongings (books, notebooks, food, water, etc.), the students will have the right to eat their food within the class according to the teacher's instructions (the teacher allocates a certain time for this during the class, provided that the learner adheres to it).

- Maintain a safe social distance between students, practice the etiquette of sneezing and coughing (in a tissue or inside the sleeve).
- Not to share personal items and foods of various kinds with others, bottles of water... etc.

v. Instructions for Child Safety in Foundation Phase:



- Pay attention to preventing children from drinking alcoholic liquids used for hand cleaning under any circumstances.
- Keep all detergents and sanitizers out of the reach of children.
- Train the children on how to use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, monitor, and follow them closely while they use this.
- Train children on how to apply preventive instructions: (walking without touching surfaces as much as possible, sneezing and coughing into the tissue, putting tissue paper in front of them on the table, training them on how to wash hands thoroughly with soap and be careful not to put their hands in their mouths... etc.).

vi. Leaving School:



- Students are dismissed to buses and cars respecting the social distancing that is used within the school campus.
- The students take their school bags and all their supplies with them when they leave, as it is forbidden to keep any student's supplies in the school, except for Foundation Phase classes, where the students' supplies are constantly sterilized by the school.
- All parents are prohibited from entering the school and gathering at the entrances at the end of the day. They must stay in their cars until their children come to them, or stand outside the school campus respecting social distancing wearing a mask or a face shield.

C. Academic Program Followed:



- The administration of the Lebanese Evangelical School - Tyre is committed to the curriculum content issued by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the Educational Center for Research and Development, concerned with reducing the curriculum.
- The academic program will be implemented and presented through the blended learning process: on a weekly basis students will physically attend school for three days, in accordance to the educational plan presented by the Ministry of Education, with the balance of student educational needs being met through distance learning via the various educational platforms used by the school, according to each individual department.

D. Weekly Teaching Hours for Classes:

Time	School Days	Department
7:50 am until 12:25 pm	Monday to Friday	Foundation Phase, Elementary, Intermediate and Secondary Departments
7:50 am until 12:25 pm	Monday to Saturday	Grades 9 & 12

E. Procedures of Teaching for all Departments:



- During the first six weeks of the 2020-2021 school year, teachers will conduct a focused review of the lessons that were taught remotely last year, especially those related to the current year curriculum.
- Electronic files containing the content of the lessons, paperwork, along with other supporting documents if necessary, will be sent through the school's electronic platforms, which will be provided to you with an account for each student.

F. Books, Stationery, and School Uniforms:



- Please keep your children's school books from the last academic year (2019-2020), as they will be used in the first phase of the current school year (i.e., during the review period), information about the purchasing or exchanging books related to the new school year (2020-2021) will be provided at a later date.
- The stationery will include school notebooks only, and that will be reduced in number to reduce the financial burden on parents. As for Foundation Phase students, it will include as well the educational materials used by students and notebooks for KG3.
- Sundry costs will remain the same as last year.
- The school will adopt the obligation for students to wear school uniforms as usual, and they will be sold at reasonable prices that suit the situation of the parents.

G. Psychological Support



The school psychological support team, will be on hand to provide advice and guidance to ensure the psychological comfort and the mental health of our students during these difficult times.

H. COVID-19 Prevention Procedures for LEST Staff:

i. Within the School Premises



- Accept individual responsibility and commitment to implementing all health prevention measures, cooperating, and coordinating with all those concerned with the decisions issued by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- Respect social distancing within the school premises, and in the classroom, as well as in the teachers' lounge, and limit staying there as much as possible.
- Maintain a safe distance among all staff members.
- Attending school at 7:15 am and leaving at 1:00 pm during the implementation of this program.

I. Field Prevention Measures in Detail:

i. Toilets:



- Signs will be placed on the entrances and inside the toilets to ensure social distance, for example: If the washbasins or toilets are close to each other, a sign will be placed on the washbasin or toilet to keep it from use to ensure a safe distance between each toilet and the washbasin.
- Posters with instructions will be placed on walls and near the sinks, explaining general hygiene guidelines.

ii. Cafeteria and Rest Times:



- Breaks will be taken in the classroom under the supervision of a teacher, whereby the students can bring snacks from home to be eaten during the break, or the school store operator may move between classes according to predetermined times.
- If it is decided to open the cafeteria, based on a decision issued in this regard by the Ministry of Education, it is up to the school administration to determine the time of the students' break in the playground and can take out one class at a time to the playground (to reduce the mixing of students from different grades), provided that all preventive measures are taken.

J. Playgrounds and School Entrances

Specified movement paths will be designated in the school which will be followed by students under the supervision of the supervisors and the teachers on duty in the playground.

Together we can stop the spread, stay safe!

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