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Saturday 29th February

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience, as we work through the Ministry of Education's decision for all schools across the UAE to close effective Sunday 8th March through Saturday 4th April in a nationwide effort to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This does not mean learning will stop. I am writing to inform you that GEMS Education is well prepared and committed to continue to provide your child with a quality education relevant to their grade and curriculum. I want to reassure you that at Wesgreen we have been preparing for a continuity plan through remote learning from home for some time now, and we are ready to roll it out.

After speaking to the relevant authorities, we can confirm the following:

- **Spring break will begin on Sunday 8th through Saturday 21st March.**
- **Online learning will start on Sunday 22nd March for a period of 2 Weeks.**

While we understand that you have probably organised your Spring Break around the academic calendar, please understand that this is something that is out of our control, and is government mandated.

Effective Sunday 22nd March, all students will be able to access the content provided by their class teacher. Every Primary year-group will work to a weekly schedule (which will be a balance of individual online learning, small group collaboration and live online full-class sessions).

Primary School

E-Learning Timetable KG1

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
11:00	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
12:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
2:00	Story time	Story time	Story time	Story time	Story time

E-Learning Timetable KG2

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
11:00	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
12:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math



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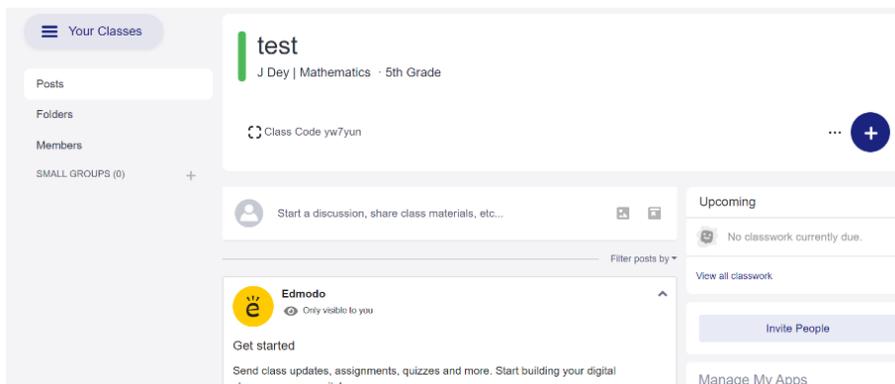
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2:00	Story time	Story time	Story time	Story time	Fun Activity from home learning menu
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E-Learning Timetable Grades 1-5

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:00	English	English	English	English	English
12:30	Arabic	Islamic	Arabic	Social Studies	Arabic
2:00	Science	Humanities	Moral Ed	Science	Reading
3:00	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	

The Year Leader will send out all lesson details on Sunday and Tuesday mornings on D6. There will be a whole mixture of activities. We are also trialling an online platform – Edmodo.com. Each class teacher is setting up a class space that will look similar to: <https://new.edmodo.com/>



They will send you a code. Go to Edmodo.com, sign in as a student with the code, and your child will be able to interact directly with the class-teacher and their classmates. They will be able to send in pictures and videos of their work for class and teacher to see.

Please note, this is a student platform. If you want to contact the teacher, please email and do not use the student discussion areas.

Secondary Schools and Specialists

Almost all of our Secondary School students are familiar with the platform Edmodo.com. The Form Tutors will put the codes for each class on D6. The students will roughly follow their timetable for the week. So, if they have English Lesson-1 on a Monday, they will login to the English Teacher's class page using the code. There will be activities, PowerPoints, videos, etc. and the students can have a live group interaction with each other and the teacher. <https://new.edmodo.com/>



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Mock Exams – iGCSE/AS Level/ A Level

These are highly beneficial in terms of helping students ascertain their academic strengths and areas where they can improve through additional guidance and support.

Given the current situation, we recognise that securing a formal setting for mocks is not possible at this stage; however, with your support we can enable our students to practise these exams at home.

We seek your support by requesting that you facilitate mocks at home and return all the completed scripts to the respective teachers by the 5th of April. Teachers will then mark and review those scripts with each student, which will ultimately augment their knowledge, and prepare them better for the CIE Exams.

We have prepared customised envelopes with exam papers for your son/daughter, which can be collected from the Main Admin Reception on Saturday the 7th of March, between 11:00am and 2:30pm.

If you have technical problems....

Please contact one of our IT Team Personnel at WGP - Mr Numan: M.ali_wgp@gemsedu.com. In addition, there is a centralised IT Hotline (Tel: 045735777). Alternatively, you can email: parenttechsupport@gemseducation.com

It is important that common sense prevails. As a community it is critical that we listen to official advice and are aware that there is a lot of speculation on social media. All fact-checked information will be provided by the school.

Please ensure that you have downloaded GEMS Connect to access important information. If you haven't downloaded it already, you can do so via the AppStore or Google Play. Travel declaration forms will be available on the platform.

It is essential that you follow precautionary measures laid out by the government to help mitigate the risk of the COVID-19 virus spreading. I would like to encourage you to listen to the travel advisories provided by your embassies. Please avoid travelling to high-risk countries over the Spring Break. See updated list: <https://www.mofaic.gov.ae/en/Warnings>. If you do so, please provide the relevant information to the school and ensure your child does not come to school for the stipulated quarantine period of 2-weeks upon return.

For admission-related questions please contact our Parent Experience Centre, which is open Sunday-Thursday from 8am to 5pm, on 600-567771.

Finally, we understand that there will be some challenges and I want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our community is of paramount importance. Thank you for having trust in us.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Dey

Headmaster



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