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Virginia International Private School (VIPS) Re-opening Model 2020-2021

Dear VIPS Parents,

Assalamu alaikum. On behalf of our learning community at Virginia International Private School, I hope you and yours are keeping well, you will have a blessed Eid Al Adha, and that you will be well informed as well as well prepared for the 2020-2021 school year.

First and foremost, we have set out to ensure that our students' and stakeholders' health, safety, and well-being are of the utmost importance and catered to seriously, sensibly, and strategically. Therefore, as we start the new academic year, we will implement a 'Hybrid' model which offers our students and families various options to best meet their needs and circumstances – either via face to face (FTF) learning, Distance Learning (DL), or a combination of both (hybrid).

As parents have the option to send their child(ren) on campus for face to face (FTF) learning, they can also opt to learn off campus via Distance Learning (DL). In either case, we are offering high quality educational opportunities in a safe environment for our students and families.

VIPS is pleased to announce that we will be expanding our current Chromebook Pilot Initiative (Gr. 10) across grades 1 to 11 with all students in these grades being offered their own Chromebook. In line with our Digital Strategy, we are confident that the implementation of our 1:1 Chromebook initiative across grades 1 to 11, along with our core values, will equip our students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to learn and succeed in our 21st century environment.

The overview of our hybrid model offer the following options for families and is as follows:

Grades	On Campus FTF (Face to Face) Learning	Off Campus DL (Distance Learning)
KG1 KG2 Gr. 1	<p>Daily</p> <p>2 Groups – Group A and Group B</p> <p>Group A – half day with Class Teacher and then half day with Specialist Teachers (Arabic, Islamic Studies, ICT, etc.)</p> <p>Group B - half day with Specialist Teachers (such as Arabic, Islamic Studies, ICT, etc.) and then half day with Class Teacher</p>	<p>Daily</p> <p>Virginia Distance Learning (VDL) program 2020-2021</p>
Grades 2 to 11	<p>Alternating Days</p> <p>2 Groups – Group A and Group B</p> <p>Group A – FTF learning on alternating days over two weeks (Sun., Tues., Thur., Mon., Wed....)</p> <p>Group B – FTF learning on alternating days over two weeks (Mon., Wed., Sun., Tues., Thur....)</p>	<p>Daily</p> <p>Virginia Distance Learning (VDL) program 2020-2021</p>

In addition to the overview of our hybrid model, kindly note the following key documents to keep you and your child(ren) well informed as well as well prepared for the school year:

- [Parents Guide to School Reopening](#)
- [Reopening FAQs For Schools](#)
- [Private Schools Reopening Policies and Guidelines](#)
- [ADEK Survey Results – VIPS](#)
- [VIPS Distance Learning Evaluation \(DLE\) Report](#)

In preparation for the new school year and all throughout the year, we will continuously keep you updated and informed with our school's journey, as we go from strength to strength. Should you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact us accordingly.

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All the best and stay safe.

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