

## Academic Year 2020/21 - Re-opening Plan

For  
**ICS Branch1 CCC (City Centre Campus)**  
July 30th 2020

We have been looking at what re-opening model would work best for our families and school

Our ultimate aim is to get as many of our pupils in every day, as full time as is possible.

We used many information sources to help us make our decisions:

1. Our situation (building size and furniture limitations),
2. Parents feedback in both the school and ADEK surveys
3. ADEK guidance including transport and distancing
4. Safety guidance on reducing risk and our risk assessments
5. Our experiences as professionals
6. Discussions with other schools

We have made a starter plan to implement initially over the first 2 weeks.

We will review daily how effective it is and if we have the capacity to get more children in for longer we will.

A final improved model will then be put in place before the end of September and run until COVID restrictions change.

### **Transport**

We hope we will be able to have 2 start times to allow for 2 bus runs ( 50% capacity only on each bus):

#### **Mornings**

FS to Year 5 - 7.30am

Year 6 to Year 10 - 8.30am

And 3 finish times and bus runs:

#### **Afternoons**

FS 12.30pm

Year 1 to 5 - 1.30pm

Year 6 to 10 - 2.30pm

#### **Please note:**

- When the buses are full we will operate a waiting list. So if you need transport, please ensure your request is with Mr Farouque early (br1co-ordinator@icschool-uae.com).
- Also that we are yet to confirm whether prices will remain the same.
- We will have to operate on a first come, first served basis as there is limited access to

buses.

## **Our Initial Plan**

**For Weeks 1 and 2**  
**Sunday 30th August - Thursday 10th September**

### **All Primary (FS to Year 6) in Daily**

FS Pupils 7.30 - 12.30

Year 1-5 to Pupils 7.30 - 1.30

Year 6 Pupils 8.30 - 2.30

### **All Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 9) in Part Week**

- School Day 8.30 - 2.30
  
- Sunday and Monday  
Group A (½ a year group) - In School for face to face lessons  
Group B (Other ½ of year group) - joining lessons from home - must be up and participating
  
- Tuesday  
All completing distance learning from home with some live tutorials and intervention sessions
  
- Wednesday and Thursday  
Group B (½ a year group) - In School for face to face lessons  
Group A (Other ½ of year group) - joining lessons from home - must be up and participating

### **All Key Stage 4 (Year 10) in 4 days a week**

- School Day 8.30 - 2.30
  
- Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
  
- Tuesday  
All completing distance learning from home with some live tutorials and intervention sessions

**Any changes that can be made for the better benefit of the children, will be communicated to parents early in week 2, for a Week 3 start.**

### **Rationale For Our Decision Making:**

- We don't have space to distance every child 1.5 m apart in school every day
- Parents need to work and younger children can not be left to study alone so these are priority to get in every day
- Parents usually start work at 8 so younger children being in school by 7.30 helps them.
- Older children benefit from lie ins.
- Older children can be left to get themselves to school / on the bus.
- Older children can benefit from independent study as a way of developing their skills
- Weekly face to face contact for all pupils help them feel connected and help teachers

keep them on track

- A set routine for each week helps the pupils, parents and staff
- With less breaks, assemblies and movement times, we can condense the curriculum into a slightly shorter school day

### **Do you have special circumstances or requests you would like us to consider?**

Further to the ADEK guide sent to you last week, ADEK have updated their guidance which now allows families to choose Distant Learning over face to face Learning.

If this is your option, we need to know in order to plan effectively, so please register this request on the link below

Also

You can register your interest in transport using this same link

And

If there is something you need to share with us or have a suggestion, please also use the link below to communicate it to us

<https://forms.gle/Bf5dapvTv4c6253UA>

### **Next Communication**

We will be writing to you on Thursday after Eid with more guidance on what you need to do to prepare to return to school, including safety measures needed such as mask wearing and the process for COVID testing pre the start of term. But there are a few points worth mentioning now;

1. No-one (staff or pupils) can return to school if they have been out of the country without 14 days quarantine so if out of the country please parents ensure you return by August 12th so you are able to attend the Orientation session on Thursday 27th August.
2. Heavy book bags are no longer allowed by ADEK and lockers are too close together for safe use, so we will be utilising online resources as much as we can, so if you were looking for an extravagant Eid treat why not consider a device for your child that they can use at home and at school:
  - Infants - An Ipad
  - Juniors - A chrome book or similar small notebook
  - Seniors - A microsoft laptop