

# **COVID-19 School Opening Policy**

#### **Dear Parents and Students,**

Alhamdulillah, We as a nation recovered from this pandemic, and the much-awaited and anticipated day has come when we are set to welcome our students back to school for the start of a new academic term.

We look forward to a long and fruitful association with our new parents and hope your children settle down quickly to their new routines.

We would like to draw your attention to some essential areas where we need your support to ensure a smooth transition to a different mode of functioning. This communication is to show you the level of preparedness as we open our doors to students. We need your cooperation and support to provide a quality provision for all students.

In school counseling for COVID-19 safety protocols and general hygiene will be organized in the school on daily basis must communicate to their child/ children about safety practices they must adhere to at school or while commuting and from school. Library visits have been suspended, in case if a book is required it will be provided to the student in the classrooms similarly laboratory visits have been replaced by classroom practical exercises.

Classroom sitting plans have been developed as per the SOP's laid out by the education department Government of Sindh. Parents will be advised about their child's class in case of a deviation from routine. All online classes will be suspended when classes resume oncampus.

Parents are expected to openly communicate about any symptoms occurring in the family or those whom they may have met in the recent past.

Explain to your child what is happening in simple words and reassure them that they are safe. Children may respond to stress in different ways and address them carefully. Help children cope with stress. Respond to children's reactions in a supportive way and explain to them that they are normal reactions to an abnormal situation.

### Hygiene:

- 1. To ensure safety and hygiene at school, it is equally important to maintain general hygiene at home for which daily bath, fresh uniform and stocking trimmed nails & hairs and clean belongings are expected from each student.
- 2. All students are advised to bring their hand sanitizers.
- **3.** Students are advised to wash their hands as often as is necessary especially after meals.

#### **Arrivals:**

- 1. All students will have to have their temperature checked every day before they leave home if the temperature is equal to or more than 100° Please keep the child at home.
- 2. As soon as students reach the school their temperature will be checked at the school gate. If the temperature is normal, the child will be sent to the class. Those whose temperature is found equal to or above 100.4°F (recent medical research) will be returned home.
- 3. Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter the school.
- **4.** A walkthrough disinfecting gate has been installed for the entrance of students to the premises in case, any child is allergic to any substance which constitutes a disinfectant, the school must be informed in writing beforehand.

#### Masks:

- 1. Wearing face masks is mandatory for all students, which covers their nose and mouth and keep them safe, during the bus ride and while in lessons.
- 2. Please do send an additional mask in case a student spills food or water soils it.
- 3. Children may remove their masks only while eating or drinking.

#### Food and Water:

- 1. Students should carry sufficient food and water to last them for the entire school duration, include a bus ride to and from home.
- 2. Sharing of food is not permitted and all food will be eaten in the class at the desk where the child is seated. We would advise the students to carry a disposable napkin so as not to soil the workspace.

#### **Resource Material:**

1. Students will not be allowed to share their belongings, including stationery items, books, water bottles, lunch, etc. Therefore, students must bring all their required items each day.

## Dispersal:

- 1. Students using their transport will be dropped off and collected at the gate. Parents are not allowed to access the building.
- **2.** Parents are required to be on time as students and staff cannot be kept waiting outside for longer than 10 minutes.

- **3.** Parents who left their children commute through a van will be responsible for the safety of the van themselves.
- **4.** A movement plan has been laid out for students in school, this is to ensure safe commuting while they are inside the premises.

#### Note:

The school strongly recommends that the parents manage to pick & drop their children from school unless critically impossible. For the ease of parents, the school will take in students till 8:50 am although regular school timings will be followed.

## Parent's Visiting Hours:

Only from Monday – Thursday: 12:00 noon – 1:00 PM

Note: Wearing a face mask is mandatory for all visitors during school timings.

We eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve you.

We wish you the best for a successful and rewarding school year!

Once again welcome back! Let's make it another great year in Gregory's together!

Sincerely,

Management.