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Students, Administrative and Teaching staff's 100% attendance in private schools and kindergartens, starting Sunday, January 30th, 2022.

Dear respected Principals and Directors of Private Schools and Kindergartens,

Alsalamualikom,

In consultation with the Ministry of Public Health and after evaluating the current situation of the pandemic and in the interest of students and their academic future. It has been decided the following:

- 1- Students attendance in person is mandatory in the private school and kindergartens, with continued commitment to implement all precautionary and preventive measures, starting Sunday, January 30th, 2022.
- 2- - All students must take a weekly rapid antigen test at home in order to allow them to enter the school building or kindergarten, provided that the examination is carried out within 48 hours before returning to school.
- 3- All students must bring the test result from home to the school with (the approved form) signed by the guardians at the starting of each week (on Sunday). The home test declaration form can be obtained through the school website (please see attached form).

Results instructions:

Self-examination result	Procedure
Negative	The student shall attend school.
Positive	The student shall NOT attend school and must visit the nearest Health Center and follow the procedures of the Ministry of Public Health
Defective Result	The student shall NOT attend school and must visit the nearest Health Center and follow the procedures of the Ministry of Public Health.

Each school and kindergarten should send text messages to parent's that includes instructions for conducting rapid screening for Covid-19, notifying them with all the required information and the school will not be able to receive students on Sundays every week if the result is positive or not accurate.

General instructions:

- Students are not allowed to go out for break time. The use of the school cafeteria is prohibited, and the student must eat breakfast in the classroom (the situation will be evaluated by the concerned authorities, and appropriate decisions will be issued later).
- It is possible to perform sports activities (individual only) or extracurricular activities, with the need to maintain a single bubble in practicing activities, and continuous sterilization between groups.
- Continue live broadcasting (distance education) for students who will not be able to actually attend due to quarantine as a result of injury or contact approved by the Ministry of Public Health.
- Follow the attendance/absence policy and continue daily monitoring on the NSIS system.
- Assign the school nurse /or one of the administrators to count the numbers of students who are vaccinated and recovered from COVID-19. Follow up the results of the rapid test with parents, record it in the students' statements at the beginning of each week (on Sunday) and report it the school administration.

In conclusion:

We stress the need to implement all precautionary and preventive measures and according to the protocol approved by the Ministry of Public Health, especially the obligation to wear a mask, achieve physical distancing, and good (continued) ventilation in the classrooms and administrative offices. It is the responsibility of the school administration and kindergarten to abide by what is stated in the circular and follow up on implementation.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

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