

DIRECTOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Director

Dear BIS Community,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so excited to welcome everyone back to campus, back to in-person learning, and back to experiencing the full school experience with friends and socializing. At BIS, we are committed to providing your child(ren) with rich learning experiences. I personally believe in, and take pride in always doing what is best for students. I will continue to use this guiding principle when making decisions about our school. I look forward to meeting all of you and seeing all the familiar faces of our returning families during our in-person orientation days. I'm also really excited to meet our new families. Our skilled and devoted staff are already planning and preparing for your child(ren). And, our much appreciated PTA is gearing up to welcome families and hope to have exciting events and programs this year. We are indeed a joyous and caring community committed to adhering to our common expectations, good habits and focus on high-level learning. We continue to believe in the BIS mission statement to "personalize learning to achieve intellectual and individual growth of all students, empowering them to impact their community", and we encourage you to embrace this goal as well.

In Partnership,
Dr. Zak Palsha

In-Person Learning Orientation

BIS will host in-person orientation for our families and students. We invite all our families to participate in our in-person learning orientation and become familiar with all resources available to both you and your child(ren). In order to attend the orientation session(s) on Wednesday, September 22 and Thursday, September 23, you need to reserve your spot by using [PTCFast](#) no later than Tuesday, September 21 at 12:00 pm.

Click [here](#) to view the PTCFast guide in English.

Click [here](#) to view the PTCFast guide in Arabic.



Countdown to In-person Learning

We are so excited to welcome you back to in-person learning that we're counting the days! BIS invites everyone to participate in a fun Instagram campaign. Follow us on Instagram where you can join our countdown. Please be sure to post your own countdown photos (similar to the Director and Principal photos) and don't forget to tag @biskwt so we can all share the excitement.

BIS Fall Reunification Plan 2021

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education has authorized in-person learning for the SY 2021-2022. We have been delighted that our campus is open for in-person learning, in line with Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines. The BIS faculty, staff and community have created a welcoming and engaging program. We are confident and ready to inspire our learners and to provide a unique educational experience for the school year 2021-2022. We are exercising extraordinary care as we follow Ministry guidelines for COVID-19 protocols in every aspect of school life. Our reunification plan is updated and you can read it by visiting our [Fall Reunification Plan 2021](#) page on our website. Also, we have [COVID Dashboard](#) section under this tab. This will be updated every Thursday to determine community transmission levels align with [CDC's recommendations in the Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#). Our first priority continues to be the health, safety and wellbeing of our entire community.

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BIS Uniform Center

Student uniforms are mandatory for students at BIS from KG1 through grade 12. The new Uniform Center is located on the BBS campus on Beirut Street, near gate 6. The Uniform Center will only be opened for pick up of the online ordered school uniform or for exchange. Uniforms can only be purchased online, through the Uniform Center online portal. Please click [here](#). We encourage you to start to prepare your child(ren) wear the uniform now while online, but it will only be required for in-person learning.



BIS Application in App Store/Google Play

For families who didn't download our new app, please click [here](#) to download the app. It is FREE for you to download and is part of our commitment to communicate with families by delivering the school's latest news, events, tuition fees, uniform, push notifications and much, much more. The app can be used on smartphones and tablet devices running iOS or Android, and can be downloaded from the Apple Store and Google Play. We hope you find our app useful.

MyMedBot

In order to keep our students, staff, and faculty safe, and to comply with all MOH health and safety guidelines, we will be using an online platform and the app called MyMedBot to collect health screening information for each child in order to enter the campus each morning. You can watch a short introductory video on MyMedBot [here](#), as well as downloading the iPhone (click [here](#)) and Android (click [here](#)) apps. You should have received an automated email from MyMedBot in the coming days with the specific login code for your family. Please click [here](#) for additional information on the platform. Should you have any additional questions, you may contact Mr. Ahmed Mohamed, ETM System Administrator at ahmed.mohamed@bis.edu.kw or call Reception at 2205 2822.



Schoology



Schoology is an online learning management system that empowers teachers with real-time student interaction inside and outside the classroom. The system helps you stay informed about your student's classes and assignments. You can use Schoology to:

- Check your child(ren) courses and weekly overview.
- View your student's upcoming, current and overdue assignments.
- Monitor school and course announcements.
- Stay involved in your student's education.

Please click [here](#) to view the guides and tutorial videos. You can login to Schoology [parents](#) & [students](#).

PCR Testing

We want to ensure peace of mind for all families that we are starting school COVID-free. Everyone in the BIS community will take a PCR test on Thursday, 23 September from 7:30 am to 11:00 am. You will receive a PTCFast link on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 to register your child(ren). Please bring a copy of your child(ren)'s Civil ID. It should take about 5 minutes. If you are unable to attend the above mentioned times, you can go to one of their three clinics in Kuwait and you just have to say you are from BIS. Stay tuned for more details.

Dates to Remember

September 19: Countdown to In-person Learning Campaign starts today.

September 22: In-Person Learning Orientation. Slots will be 8:00-8:30 am - 9:00-9:30 am - 10:00-10:30 am - 11:00-11:30 am - 1:00-1:30 pm - 2:00-2:30 pm – reserve your spot [here](#).

September 23: In-Person Learning Orientation. Slots will be 8:00-8:30 am - 9:00-9:30 am - 10:00-10:30 am - 11:00-11:30 am - 1:00-1:30 pm - reserve your spot [here](#).

- Jarallah German Specialized Clinic will conduct the PCR testing on the BIS campus – stay tuned for more details.

September 26: First day for in-person learning.