



2 April 2020

Dear BIS Parents,

I hope this finds you and your family safe and healthy during this difficult time that our world is facing concerning the outbreak of COVID-19. The schools in Kuwait, and around the world, have continued to be innovative with how best to ensure the academic learning, student engagement and safety for all is achieved during this physical time away from campus. As a result, the BIS leadership team, teachers, and staff have worked to ensure continuity of learning for our students and by creating a detailed plan to finish the 2019-2020 school year this Spring.

I would like to thank the majority of our students who have been **involved and actively participating** in the e-learning opportunities that BIS has provided since the closure of our physical campus.

E-Learning Final Plan for SY 19-20:

Based on the recent approval from the Ministry of Education, we will continue with e-learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The Ministry of Education will recognize and authenticate the end of the year report cards and transcripts.

Parents/students have three options available:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Continue all e-learning as assigned, no formal exams	Complete any missing assignments as determined by the teacher by April 14 and continue all e-learning assigned going forward, no formal exams	Choose not to participate in the e-learning program and attend a mandatory three week Intensive Program in August to make up the work that was missed after the physical closure of campus and take the relevant exams
Report card received in <u>May</u>*		Report card received in <u>September</u>
Final Tuition Installment for SY 19-20 due upon receipt of Report Card Option 1 and 2: May 19, 2020 Option 3: August 27, 2020		
<i>Review period in September for 4 weeks to ensure all students are prepared to be successful moving forward</i>		

** Grades will be reflective of student's participation, work submitted during e-learning and their yearlong performance. Report card distribution will be determined later based on the COVID-19 circumstances at the time. In the interim, the report card will be attached as PDFs to each child's PowerSchool profile.*



Option 1: Students who have been actively involved in e-learning should continue to follow the e-learning program and complete all given assignments at their school level. Those students will be recognized for their effort and hard work during the campus closure, promoted to the next grade level when the SY 20-21 commences, and receive their report card in May.

Options available for students who have NOT been participating in e-learning:

Option 2: For those students **who participated from March 2, 2020 and stopped or for students who have not participated**, an opportunity to submit missing work will be offered from now until **Tuesday, 14 April 2020**. Students who make up all **missing work** will be eligible to receive their report card in May and be promoted to the next grade level in SY 20-21.

Option 3: For the non-participating students who choose to NOT complete e-learning, students must attend a mandatory Intensive Program to focus on the core subjects (for approximately three weeks) in August to make up the work that was missed. Those students will sit for exams in order to see if they will be promoted to the next grade level. These students will still have access to all the online material. The schedule and timings for the Intensive Program will be determined later once we have a better idea of how many students will need to complete this. **If students choose this option and do not attend, they will not receive a final report card and will not progress to the next grade level for SY 20-21. Furthermore, in August students likely will not have the same teacher that they currently have.**

Select your Option:

Attached to this e-mail is an [agreement letter](#), which needs to be completed and signed. The form needs to be submitted by Tuesday, 7 April 2020. Please submit the emails to the relevant e-mail addresses below:

Failure to complete the form and sending it by the deadline will result in your child(ren) being placed in the August Intensive Program.

- KG: Suha Nassif – suha.nassif@bis.edu.kw
- ES: Hanin Mismar – hanin.mismar@bis.edu.kw
- MS: Hiba Omar – hiba.omar@bis.edu.kw
- HS: Masooda Abusido – masooda.abusido@bis.edu.kw



Calendar Updates for SY 19-20:

The school leadership team and teachers have been working together to identify the essential skills and content standards for quarter 4 of this year. The calendar for SY 19-20 has been adjusted in order to meet those needs. Please find below the important dates for e-learning:

Tuesday, 14 April 2020	Tuesday, 12 May 2020	Sunday, 17 May 2020	Tuesday, 19 May 2020	Thursday, 21 May 2020
Last day to submit missing e-learning assignments from March 2 – April 9, 2020 for all school levels.	Last day of e-learning live classes.	Last day of e-learning late work submission by 11:00 am.	Report cards available via PowerSchool.	<u>Last day for teachers and support staff.</u>

Calendar for SY 20-21:

The next academic calendar will commence as scheduled, unless otherwise announced due to the circumstances that we are in. *There will be a review period of approximately four weeks at the start of the year to ensure that all students are prepared to be successful moving forward.* More information will follow in due time.

If you have any questions, please contact the school number 22052822 with the internal lines (Administration 8010 – KG & ES 8040 – MS & HS 8000 – Counseling, PowerSchool or Zoom 8006) or you can contact the school level coordinators via email.

In Closing:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents very much for their support, flexibility and commitment to the educational process during this difficult period. I would also like to thank the administrators, teachers and all employees, for their dedication and commitment to the educational process. This is what distinguishes Al-Bayan International School from the rest of the learning communities in Kuwait.

The success of our e-learning program across the school levels is not due to the platforms or technology we are using, it is a result of the dedication of our staff and the partnership between school and home. We are deeply grateful for the partnership.

We will continue to update you, as more information is available. God Bless Kuwait and our BIS Community. Stay safe.

In Partnership,

Dr. Zak Palsha
Director