



Dear Parents

9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

Delayed opening- H1N1 precautions

As you will know from our telephone conversations, on Sunday I attended an 'emergency' meeting with together with Heads of private schools, The Ministry of Health and the Undersecretary of Education. The decision to delay opening was taken to fall in line with strongly worded advice given at the meeting by Sheik Hisham.

We are extremely disappointed not to be opening as scheduled- all staff were prepared, ready, and looking forward to welcoming the children, both and old and new. However we are now in a situation that is beyond our control and I thank you for your understanding.

Although we will open on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, one of the conditions that the Ministry of Education has ordered is that students/ teachers/ parents etc may not enter the school gates unless they have been in the country for at least seven days. We have been asked to strictly enforce this policy and on the first day of school we will be asking to sight your child's passport. Additionally, anyone wishing to enter the school gates with their child will also need to have their passport available as proof.

**It is very important that your follow this request** – without being able to verify this you will not be allowed to enter school. The seven day ruling will apply until further notice from the ministry.

We are, of course, anxious to make up teaching time and we have immediately cancelled the October half-term holidays.

I do appreciate your understanding during what is a less than desirable situation and we very much look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely

Greg McDonald  
Headmaster