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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are all well and looking forward to the start of the new academic year. As mentioned in my email at the end of last week, I am now writing to confirm the organisation for the start of term in line with current Government requirements. As it stands, Years 10 to 13 are allowed to start in school on Monday 24 August but, unfortunately, other secondary year groups, primary and EYFS students have not been given the go ahead, so will need to commence with Home/Virtual Learning. However, we are expecting a further announcement at the end of this week with regard to Years 1 to 9 and hopefully this will include a start date for them. Subject to Government approval, I have set out below some key points for each phase and in addition to this letter I am sending you the following documentation which sets out everything you need to know.

- A fully revised Covid-19 Plan which meets all the Government requirements and sets out our three Teaching & Learning Plans.
- EYFS Home Learning Guide.
- Primary Blended Learning Guide.
- Primary Home Learning Guide.
- Secondary Virtual Learning Handbook.

There will be further information to follow at various stages from the Heads & Deputies of each phase.

## Foundation Stage 2 & 3

There has been no indication yet from the Government about a potential start date for Early Years children, so we have further revised our Home Learning Guide and the key points are as follows:

- Students will have a revised timetable, with greater teacher contact and a careful balance of learning and screen time.
- There will be daily live video sessions and offline learning activities and you can find the timetable for Foundation 2 & 3 in the EYFS Learning Guide.

I recognise that online learning for Early Years children is more challenging than for other phases in the school and requires greater adult involvement and supervision. Therefore, with all teachers working on campus, the Myanmar teachers will be able to provide more in-depth support than in Term 4 last year. I know that some parents have expressed concerns about home learning but as an educationalist, I want to advise you that the Early Years are the absolute building blocks and foundation of a child's education and it is vital that your child accesses this programme. If they miss out on this learning, they could potentially lose ground in their educational progress and will be behind other students when they return to school.

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## Foundation 1

I give a very warm welcome from Network International School to our new Foundation 1 parents and look forward to meeting you all very soon. Once Government restrictions ease we will commence our observation programme and start our Home Learning Programme for Foundation 1 children.

## EYFS Children who are currently Overseas

Students in Foundation 2 and 3 will be able to access the same curriculum whether they are in country or overseas. All instructions, resources and feedback will be shared with overseas students through SeeSaw, with additional support being provided via email. During Home Learning, overseas students are encouraged to join the live zoom lessons with the rest of their group. However, we do realise that some time zones may make this difficult, in which case our Teachers will look for additional opportunities to touch base and support those students on their learning journey.

If you have any questions about the Early Years learning programme please email:

Head of Early Years, Teacher Gemma [gemma.parkinson@networkintlschool.com](mailto:gemma.parkinson@networkintlschool.com)

Deputy Head of Early Years, Teacher Alice [alicehand@networkintlschool.com](mailto:alicehand@networkintlschool.com)

## Primary

I am expecting that primary students will return to school either on Monday 24 or Monday 31 August at the latest. Depending on the social distancing requirements this could mean that we operate either our Teaching & Learning Plan 1 with all students at school or our Blended Learning Programme (Teaching & Learning Plan 2) attached with this letter, which will be a mix of on Campus & Home Learning. The Blended Learning document sets out clear timetables for all year groups, with students following the UK National Curriculum as usual. Students and parents should be prepared for all three Teaching & Learning plans.

If there is a need to start with Home Learning due to Government restrictions, students will undertake a variety of learning experiences, delivered via a combination of live video lessons and offline activities. The timetable and details for each year group are set out in the Primary Home Learning Guide. Teachers will advise you of your child's Primary groupings before the term starts.

## Primary Students who are Overseas

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Students in the Primary years will be able to access the same curriculum whether they are in country or overseas. All instructions, resources and feedback will be shared with overseas students through SeeSaw, with additional support being provided via email. During Home Learning, overseas students are encouraged to join the live Zoom lessons with the rest of their group. However, we do realise that some time zones may make this difficult, in which case our Teachers will look for additional opportunities to touch base and support those students on their learning journey.

As it stands, not all of our teachers have been able to return to Myanmar due to Covid-19 and the airport closure; therefore, at the moment Years 5 & 6 classes have a full complement of teachers, while Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4 will have two International teachers split between the three classes. During Home Learning, all students will be taught equally by International teachers. Once back on campus the two International teachers for Years 3 & 4 will teach your children: English, Maths, Science, Topic, IT and Reading. Therefore, other subjects will be planned by International teachers but delivered by your child's Myanmar Associate Teacher. In Years 1 & 2 the International teachers will teach: English, Maths, Knowledge & Understanding of the World, IT & Reading. We expect to have International teachers in all classes as soon as restrictions ease and I wish to reassure you that your child's progress will not be affected.

If you have any questions about the primary learning programme please email:

Head of Primary, Teacher Jay [jay.thompson@networkintlschool.com](mailto:jay.thompson@networkintlschool.com)

Deputy Head of Primary, Teacher Sally [sallymoulds@networkintlschool.com](mailto:sallymoulds@networkintlschool.com)

## Secondary

Years 10 to 13 will have full on site learning from 24 August, subject to Government approval for opening. Years 7 to 9 will commence with Virtual Learning, hopefully for just one week but will follow their normal timetable and every lesson will have thirty minutes of a live lesson followed by offline work. Students will experience a normal school day.

At the moment, we have four secondary teachers (Science & Maths) who have not arrived in Myanmar, again due to Covid-19 and the airport closure but they will be delivering live lessons at all times according to the school timetable, so no students learning or progress will be interrupted.

## Secondary Students who are Overseas

Students in Years 7 to 9 outside of the country will receive their lessons via Google Classroom. They will also have a Zoom with their tutor at least once a week at a mutually convenient time. If they can attend any other Zooms set up



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for their class they should also do their best to attend. Students in Years 10 to 13 outside of the country will also receive their lessons via Google Classroom. They will also have a Zoom with the class during their lesson time (Myanmar Time Zone). If they cannot attend these lessons they will have a Zoom with their tutor once a week.

For the first couple of weeks of term students in Years 7 to 9 will be on a five-period day until new teachers arrive on an already scheduled relief flight and to conform with social distancing at pick up. Therefore, I ask that you collect your child at 14:00. If a student has a sibling in Years 10 to 13 they may remain at school until 15:00 so parents have only one pick up.

In terms of the new build progress, this has been delayed by Covid-19 and there will still be work ongoing over the first couple of weeks of term. I apologise for this situation but feel sure you will understand the reasons behind this. Included in the delay are the Science Laboratories due for installation on Monday 31 August, the swimming pool and sports hall but this will not affect anything as Government restrictions include the temporary suspension of Physical Education lessons.

If you have any questions about the secondary learning programme please email:

Head of Secondary, Teacher Stephen [Stephen.holmes@networkintlschool.com](mailto:Stephen.holmes@networkintlschool.com)

Deputy Head of Secondary, Teacher Suzanne [Suzanne.doran@networkintlschool.com](mailto:Suzanne.doran@networkintlschool.com)

## Fees

For the new academic year we changed the payment schedule to 2 semesterly payments which is in line with most other international schools in Yangon. However, we acknowledge the current global situation due to Covid-19, has changed things for many people around the world and also for parents at Network International School.

In recognition of this we have decided that for the coming semester, August to December 2020, we will split the fees into 2 termly payments for all year levels. In addition to this we will give a 10% discount for Foundation 1 to 3 students for Term 1 only, as their return date might be slightly later than primary and secondary.



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The payment for the second semester, January to June 2021, will remain one payment. At this time if there are any parents facing difficulties they can make an appointment to see Carole. Please make an appointment through Min Min by calling the school or emailing her at [min.min@networkintlschool.com](mailto:min.min@networkintlschool.com)

As you can appreciate the first week of the new school year will be busy for everyone so the accounts department will be emailing your invoice for the coming term on Wednesday 19th August but the due date will remain the same and will be payable by Friday 4th September. This can be paid either by bank transfer or you can come to our Bahan campus Monday to Friday between 9am and 2pm. As we did for term 4 we will take the necessary Covid-19 precautions so we will take the temperature of anyone entering the site and please wear a mask at all times. Can we also remind you to park on the main outside car park and walk into the school via the main gate observing the social distancing markers.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their continuing support in these very challenging times. We are all looking forward to getting back to Teaching & Learning and whilst we have a different start to this academic year, I'm sure together we can make it as successful as any other at Network International School.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

**Carl Dent**  
**Principal – Network International School**



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