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Dear parents,



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First, let me thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of teaching your children and helping them discover the confident and empowered young people they can be. Providing a rich and engaging environment for your children to learn is my utmost concern. Unfortunately, in the given scenario, millions of children are learning from home today, as schools have to globally shutter to try and slow the spread of COVID-19. Unlike previous years, this academic year, Yara International School is having an unusual beginning. We feel extremely sad that for the very first time, we are unable to welcome your kids to the “**real world**” of books, colours, music and storytelling that we have arranged for them in the school.

Notwithstanding this, we are all prepared to walk your child into the digital world of books through online classes. In order to ensure our efforts are productive, we sincerely seek your help and cooperation to ensure children are manned & supported during virtual classes. To make learning joyful for your kids, I request you to step into the shoes of a teacher and help navigate this transition. You can support us by sharing your valuable time with your child and his /her studio/class teacher. We shall be sharing Term Plan, Weekly Plan and other required Teaching-Learning material with you. This will enable you to get prepared for the class.

Kindly follow the guidelines given below for an enjoyable learning experience for your child:

1. Prepare a comfortable learning station for your child from where he/she can access classes.
2. Prepare your child for the class. Dress them up and give him/her breakfast etc as you would do for sending them to school.
3. Log in 10 minutes before the class starts.
4. Make sure your child sleeps and wakes up early for online classes. Attention span can be even lower while attending online sessions on an electronic gadget.
5. Keep all necessary supplies and stationery ready as per the weekly plan. **See attached list of school supplies.** As usual, the basic book kit shall be supplied by the school. For those who haven't received them as yet, arrangements are being made.
6. Make sure your child uses age appropriate chair and desk to ensure correct posture.
7. Most importantly, make your kid(s) understand that they are in the class. Do not keep him/her on your lap.
8. Please avoid babyish language and mother tongue.
9. Please communicate only in English during the class sessions. Give your child one/ two steps instructions in English. This is the only time your child will be learning English communication. “**Talk Time**” is necessary for Language development.
10. Encourage your child to look at the screen and interact with the teacher. This will enable your child to be an active class participant and not a passive listener.
11. Please note that your teacher is the **primary speaker**, totally avoid cross talking or talking to your wards when the teacher is talking. Please note this can disturb and distract everyone else in the electronic class room.
12. **Co-viewing** is best for young children. They learn best when they are re-taught in the real world what they just learned through a screen. So, if the studio teacher has just taught the letter “A” you can reiterate this later when you are having dinner or spending time with your child.
13. Plan your breaks as per the schedule. Do not allow your child to run out of virtual class, unless there is a grave need.

Requirements for Digital Classes:

1. Ensure that you have an internet connectivity of: 4G SIM/router, Wi-Fi with minimum 20 Mbps connectivity.
2. Download and install the following app in your Laptop/Desktop or Smart Phone depending on your device OS.
 - *Android :* <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings&hl=en>
 - *Apple :* <https://apps.apple.com/sa/app/zoom-cloud-meetings/id546505307>
3. Use a headphone or earphone with Mic.
4. Click on the Class room link that will be shared with you via a separate email through the studio teacher.

Helping children learn how to navigate their way into the digital world is an intricate business for Preschoolers. Therefore, we need parents like you to be involved as active learners who can be the catalyst between the school and the child, not only to make this venture a success, but also interesting and an enjoyable experience for your child.

Together We Can Make a Difference!

Stay Safe. We Care!

Wishing you and your child happy schooling!

Note: Keep a close eye on all communications (SMS, WhatsApp, Email etc) from the school. Frequently visit school website <https://www.yaraschool.net/> for updates.

Regards,



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Principal