

# Modern English School Cairo



Dear Parents,

We applaud the efforts being undertaken by students, teachers and parents to support our online learning arrangement - attendance and engagement is fantastic; the quality of learning and progress is something we should all take pride in. Whilst our students may not understand why we are requiring them to wear uniform, their capacity to focus, their readiness to engage and their measurable progress is all the evidence we need to ratify our decision there!

The Ministry of Education has implied that students may return to school from 21 February 2021. Strict controls will remain regarding the number of children on campus and in classrooms etc. as the COVID-19 virus continues to impact usual routines.

A complication for MES Cairo and our school community is the timing of our mid-term break, which falls the week after students are allowed to access campus.

Because of this, and the quality of online learning our students are engaged in online, we have chosen to continue with online provision through the last week of this half term. It will be less disruptive for learners to continue with the great 'online live' experience rather than return to school in hybrid and then have a week at home.

**ONLINE PROVISION CONTINUES UNTIL THE END OF THE FIRST HALF OF TERM TWO**

**MID-TERM BREAK (NO ONLINE PROVISION) - 26 February to 6 March 2021 (inclusive)**

From Sunday 7 March 2021 we are planning to welcome students back on campus, MOE decision pending. We will be in touch before the end of the half term to share clear details. Our plan is to adopt a hybrid model that looks similar to our provision in Term 1 whilst exploring what capacity there is for heightened engagement in learning activities for students scheduled for at home learning. If it is decreed that schools are to remain online then we know we are well-prepared to manage that successfully.

You can expect to hear from us again during the week of 21 February 2021.

Stay safe; stay well.

