

Principal's Letter 1-7 February 2022

Dear Parents

With greetings and good wishes, this is the first of the Principal's newsletters that are aimed at keeping you up to date with Whole School matters, celebrations, and details of plans for the future.



COVID PANDEMIC

As I write, today marks the 697th day since the initial COVID 19 lockdown was called. During this time society has had to adapt to vast changes in living circumstances and to sudden, often unexpected changes in established routines.

Since last term, we have been fortunate that some of the restrictions have been eased but, this term, we have experienced a number of infections in classes across the school resulting in children being placed on distance learning, sometimes at very short notice. The current DHA guidelines are very specific and place us all (home and school) in the frustrating position of suddenly having children going home once 2 or more positive cases have been confirmed in a class.

Whilst frustrating, SVS has followed the rules to the letter to ensure safe operations for the children in our care. My profound hope is that the incidences of classes having to be put on distance learning due to numbers of positive cases reduces in the term ahead.

INSPECTION

As the pandemic begins to ease, I have arranged for South View School to be formally inspected by a team of UK inspectors with a view to being granted [British Schools Overseas \(BSO\) certification](#). Such certification means that SVS will be afforded British Schools Overseas status as recognised by the [UK Government's Department for Education \(DfE\)](#). On the subject of inspection, it appears that KHDA is planning to resume inspections now that the pandemic is being seen as subsiding. It is, therefore, expected that SVS will be inspected by a team from the KHDA either later this or next term. When confirmation is confirmed, I will inform parents accordingly.

LOOKING AHEAD

Whilst the Half Term break takes place at the end of this week, there is still much to celebrate and plan. We have a winner to announce from the Emirates Literary Festival, the start of peripatetic music lessons and the secondary trip to Kenya all happening within the next 2 weeks with much more to follow. In the meantime, I wish you a happy week ahead and look forward to being in touch again very soon.

Best wishes

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David Flint
Principal