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*"An education must equip students with the tools that enable them to adapt and thrive, in a world characterised by change. Education that prepares children for life must go beyond fundamental skills to stimulate creativity, intellectual curiosity and honest inquiry. Innovation and progress arise from the ability to approach a challenge in a new way and offer a solution."*

- His Highness The Aga Khan

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Dear Parents and Students,

7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Greetings from Team ASKM.

It gives us immense pleasure to welcome all of you to this new academic year. We hope our children have rested and enjoyed their vacation and are ready to begin their academic journey.

When the current pandemic struck us early this year, school had to be discontinued suddenly; we quickly adapted to the change and commenced virtual schooling. This continued in the month of April. Our teachers did an admirable job of stepping up to learn new ways of teaching and ensured the academic continuity for the students. They have managed both their home and professional fronts successfully and continued to attend trainings and plan lessons through the summer vacation as well, so that they are well prepared to commence teaching from 8<sup>th</sup> June. We appreciate their commitment and dedication.

Students too were quick to learn this new way of education. We are so proud of all of our students for their dedication and efforts for continuing their school work during these challenging times. We would also like to thank you, the parents for supporting the students through this transition to remote learning. You have always been a strong pillar in the learning journey of the students. We are aware that despite the additional pressures of working *from* home and working *for* home during this time, many of you have taken the time to support your children. You have been doing a commendable job in managing this situation!

We would, thus, like to acknowledge all our students, parents, teachers and admin staff for their positivity, flexibility and resilience during these trying times. We would also like to express our sincere thanks for all your patience and understanding, as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life, during the last few weeks. We know that this is a new and different way of teaching and learning for both students and teachers. We are confident that with the students' enthusiasm and the teachers' commitment, we will continue to provide high quality education.

Keeping this in mind, we are proceeding with the academic session for Classes I to X, from Monday, 8th June 2020, through the virtual learning mode. A detailed time table will be shared with you shortly. The schedule of the classes has been made considering the mental well-being and good health of our students. While making the time table, we have also considered the possible challenges in: access to devices; time-sharing with other siblings; and working parents,

who may find it difficult to support their children for extended periods. The syllabus has also been revised, keeping in mind the guidelines from various sources.

Teaching will happen through virtual classes conducted online. It will include direct teaching, project based learning and collaborative learning. Teachers will send home assignments, worksheets and other written tasks for children. Links to online resources will be shared wherever required. You will be informed about these in advance.

Your continued involvement and support in your child's education will help us to deliver more effective lessons. Therefore, we request you to ensure that:

- Children are ready and prepared with all their learning materials at least 10 minutes before the online class commences.
- Children complete the assignments given by the teachers and submit them in time.
- Children follow all class protocols and do not disturb other students during a live class.
- Children move around the home, stretch, or are involved in some physical activity, during the breaks between classes.

We will continue this way of learning till we receive directives from the government for the physical re-opening of school.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with class teachers.

We look forward to your continued support, as we work together to ensure that our children continue with their education, while overcoming the various challenges.



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Aga Khan School, Mundra