



Tuesday 15th September 2020

Sending on behalf of Mr. Craig Heaton, Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well.

Following the Lagos State Government (LASG) announcement confirming that Schools can open physically from 21 September 2020, I am writing to inform parents that St. Saviour's School Ikoyi Board of Management approved a proposal to a phased reopening of the School, effective Monday **28th September 2020**.

As stated in the Road Map (18th August 2020), the phased reopening School will adopt the Scenario 3 Level 1 format. This involves a rotational hybrid model of classroom and remote learning, with some children at School and others at home each week; they then rotate, with the children that have been learning remotely at home in Week 1, being at School in Week 2 and vice versa.

Specifically:

* All Year 6 and Reception (9:00am – 12:00) children will attend School every week, due to the need to prepare the Year 6 children for Nigeria and UK secondary school entrance exams that start as early as November, and the need to familiarise Reception children to the structured classroom environment of Primary School.

* Years 1 to 5 classes will be split in half; in the first week, one class in each Year group will be in School while the other class will be remote learning at home. The classes then rotate the following week. The rotation continues in that manner.

This rotational model will continue for as long as necessary, and until the School is satisfied with the overall situation and determines that all children can be physically in School. Considerations will include subsequent announcements by LASG; operational effectiveness of the new health and safety protocols being introduced at School etc. The model is flexible enough to accommodate all situations, including the possible eventuality of school having to close again.

Without doubt everyone at St. Saviour's School Ikoyi is really looking forward to the physical return of children to the School site, where they can learn together in a safe environment. There will be significant excitement about coming back and seeing friends again, but I know too that some will be worried about how different school might be, and uneasy about getting back into a new routine after extended periods of relative isolation. While much of School life will feel normal, our children, parents and staff will need to adapt to some differences, and that is as it should be, while the world is continuing to deal with the impact of COVID 19. This week we have commenced training to enable our Staff to be at their best in supporting our children as we adapt to what will be 'normal for now'.





I am also aware that children and parents will need to be familiar with the details of the 'new' School life and all of the additional COVID secure measures we will have in place. Therefore, we will be holding a series of webinars (Schedule will follow) to familiarise parents with the new procedures and different aspects of the School's organisation. Additionally, from Monday 21st September 2020 the Class teachers will begin preparing the children as to what they will expect in School when they arrive, during their Zoom sessions.

The risk of COVID 19 is one which the entire world will have to live with for some time to come. Therefore, we owe it to everyone in the St. Saviour's community to ensure our children can safely have an enriching education and a supportive pastoral experience and that we do all we can to protect and support each other in the months ahead. Staff, parents and all Stakeholders have a responsibility to work together to keep our community safe, to respect each other's concerns and to raise them in the appropriate way to help us all navigate the return to School in the best possible spirit.

St. Saviour's School will rigorously follow the guidance from LASG and utilise best practice from the UK and around the world in ensuring our policies and practices remain up to date. We will take a particularly cautious approach in the first few weeks, as our community comes together and will work with children, parents and staff to identify ways in which our approach can be adapted over time. We have carefully considered how to keep our community safe, the webinars and our *Operational Guidelines on Reopening* will provide parents with all of the information they need on School resuming physically.

I hope that, as a result of our extensive planning and preparation, you will feel confident and reassured by the steps we are taking.

Thank you for continuing to support our School, also for your understanding, as we navigate the months ahead; while COVID 19 has changed the way we live, it is important that our children are also able to enjoy as normal an education as possible against the backdrop of a global pandemic.

God bless St. Saviour's School Ikoyi.

Mr. Craig Heaton
Head Teacher

