



Dear parents,

On the announcement of the resumption of face to face classes scheduled for Monday October 19th many of you have asked us about the conditions of the reopening of the Lycée Guebre Mariam. Some of you have also shared your concerns with us about the resumption of face to face classes according to the current sanitary conditions.

The interruption of face to face classes since last March has had consequences on schooling of a large number of children, all nationalities mixed up. It also strongly affected families who had to mobilize in order to support their children in this new scheme of learning. Based on the decisions of the Ethiopian authorities, it therefore seemed important to us to be able to resume face to face teaching as soon as possible, with the implementation of a health protocol in accordance with the instructions of the French and Ethiopian authorities that they have validated. This reopening is therefore based on two objectives: ensuring the education of your children in conditions that are as good as possible in the current context; ensure the health of everyone, children, families and staff of Lycée Guebre Mariam.

An important clarification for your concerns, in the case where several students in the same class test positive for COVID-19. In accordance with the recommendations of the medical counselor of Lycée Guebre Mariam, if 3 students are tested positive within a 7 days interval, then the entire class will be closed for a period of 15 days and will resume distance education during this period.

Some of you are telling us about your specific situations: children or families at risk or sickly, special family situations, families who are not yet in Ethiopia.

Lycée Guebre Mariam wishes to offer you solutions if you find yourself in one of the following scenarios. As of October 19, we will be setting up a course monitoring system, presenting various modalities depending on the subjects and teachers. In streaming, in hard copy and digital support with PRONOTE which will be reserved for the following situations:

- For students who are not yet in Ethiopia
- For students or their families with particular vulnerabilities
- For students who are suspected or confirmed positive for COVID-19 and who should go into isolation or in the case that they have to quarantine themselves due to a case of COVID-19 in their entourage.

The general rule remains face to face classes and this protocol will be reserved for students who can prove it with a medical or geographical situation. Parents are requested to present a supporting document.

In this case, the teacher will teach in front of the class and the students at home can follow the course at the same time online. Some footage will be streamed, just like during the distance learning period that just ended. The teachers will inform you of the terms they have agreed upon. However, it will be difficult to carry out all the lessons in this way, so a schedule will be proposed.

Likewise, and in order to meet image rights, **the parents concerned will have to sign a non-recording and / or image capturing agreement during these sequences.**

Teachers offering streaming will send you the zoom links as before, which will allow to maintain working habits.

For students in the situations defined above, the following framework will be added:

-Digital support through PRONOTE -

- Paper supports once or twice a week.

The management team and the entire teaching team of Lycée Guebre Mariam remain at your disposal for any inquiries you may have.

The headmaster

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