



SANTO
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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SAIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 / 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We are extremely excited to be able to start our **Academic School Year 2020 / 2021** on school premises! We know that on-line teaching has been a challenge for all of us but with all groups and school phases, from Primary to Exam Years, we managed to gain some positives out of these difficult times.

SAIS is well aware of the resilience we will be facing when we come back in full force and we have prepared accordingly. We would like to draw your attention to the seven points below and remind our community that all is being updated on a daily basis as we are all taking THIS NEW REALITY INTO ACCOUNT. things on a daily basis.

- (a) **Restart after pandemic** – As always SAIS will stagger its different school phases (Primary P2-P4; Middle School A1-A4 and Upper End A5 – A8) when it comes to their first day back. In this light all Primary pupils will join us first on Monday the 31st of August as of 8 o'clock. Middle school will join on Tuesday 1st September and finally our Upper end will start on Wednesday 2nd of September.
- (b) **Physical and on-line teaching** – All lessons will progress ‘as normal’ physically inside our classrooms/Labs/Gym areas. All windows and doors will be open at all times to promote natural ventilation/ air renewal. We will stagger breaks/lessons/lunchtimes so as to minimize congestion in popular areas such as the crush-hall. As for on-line teaching, SAIS will keep our **Microsoft Teams platform** and continue to enhance our academic programs and centralise data/knowledge – however we will not stream lessons as the norm.
- (c) **Examinations & Exam Years** – This has truly been a stamina trial for these SAIS Pupils. Please be advised that we will continue to work towards exceptional exam results and that the October/November Series will run as usual. (Please inform your tutors of any extra re-takes or first time enrolments on CIE Direct).



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- (d) **SAIS Staff** – As is customary here at SAIS we usually host a Welcome Assembly during the first week of school. This year due to the Pandemic we will be filming our Staff Presentation and sending our community a ‘digital version’ of this event as we will not be able to allow groups of parents on campus as of yet.
- (e) **Sporting Events & Fieldtrips** – SAIS belongs to the CHESS Committee and as such we participate in many a tournament together the most well-known International Schools here in Portugal. We also participate in most of the local sporting events of Desporto Escolar. However, this year due to the Covid Pandemic we are yet to see what events will be allowed to take place and when. The Chess Sporting Directors will meet on the 26th of August for more details. As for fieldtrips, SAIS will privilege outdoors events and no public transport.
- (f) **School building & Visitors** – Our team of admin staff have been working extremely hard to maintain our school building and update some areas (more projectors/more lockers/better plan layouts etc). You will notice that the whole school has new signage in the light of Covid procedures. The circulation around the school building must abide by the arrows of the various routes. As for lunch periods inside the Dining room, these have been staggered, separated seating and internal circuits for moving about have been defined. All these need to be complied with. As for Parents and visitors, the school is not yet allowing parents in as this whole situation is new for all our community. The paramount objective is to maintain social distancing and not promote groups gathering.

We can't wait to welcome you back – Together we stand stronger!

SAIS SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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