



ITQAN Program

Distance Learning Review Visit Report for Al Rowad British Private School

Distance Learning Provision March – July, 2020 (AY 2019 – 2020)

Overall Judgement during

Phase 1 of the implementation of distance learning is

Developed

Distance Learning Profile

Dear Principal,

Sharjah Private Education Authority would like to thank you for engaging with our team during the recent review visit at your school on 03/06/2020.

This Distance Learning Review Visit (DLRV) was performed by two reviewers via online platforms. The review was conducted using the UAE Distance Learning Evaluation Tool - Stage 1 that consists of three (3) Zones, thirteen (13) themes and thirty-nine (39) descriptors.

The purpose of the visit was to review the school's distance learning provision, implementation of distance learning solutions and to ensure the continuation of teaching and learning during the exceptional circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic. The review seeks to highlight the school's response as it relates to Phase 1 of the implementation of distance learning with the objective of supporting schools in the journey to a more sustainable and flexible learning option phase. The review focused on the students' learning and wellbeing, teaching and monitoring of students' learning, as well as leading and managing students' learning.

The overall schools' distance learning judgement during Phase 1 of the implementation of distance learning was arrived at as specified below:

Judgement	Definition	
Developed	At least 9 Themes are Developed & none are Not Developed	
Partially Developed	At least 10 Themes are Developed or Partially Developed & no more than 3 Themes are Not Developed	
Not Developed	4 or more Themes are Not Developed	

During the online visit, reviewers engaged in a range of activities, including discussions with senior and middle leaders, review of documents and samples of students' work, observation of virtual lessons and analysis of feedback from stakeholders.

Summary of Findings

The school's distance learning judgement during Phase 1 of the implementation of Distance Learning is: *Developed.*

The table below provides an overview of the status of development of each Theme under each Zone. This is represented by three (3) colors, green for *Developed*, amber for *Partially Developed* and red for *Not Developed*.

	Zone A Students' distance learning and wellbeing	Zone B Teaching and monitoring students' learning	Zone C Leading and managing students' learning
Themes	Attendance and participation	Planning and delivery	Agility
	Safeguarding	Sharing intended learning outcomes	Contingency
	Learning opportunities	Distance learning provision	Communication and engagement
	Equity of access	Monitoring and assessing learning	Resources management
	Wellbeing		

Positive Features

- The students' learning behaviour, particularly their respectful relationships with their teachers supports
 their learning. Students have safe and secure access to the on-line learning resources and know how to
 stay safe when online and who to contact if necessary. Appropriate focus is given to developing students'
 wellbeing and physical needs.
- Learning objectives are communicated clearly to the students and their parents. Modifications to the
 curriculum ensure the essential content is delivered and this results in continuity and progression in
 students' learning. Appropriate adaptations to lessons are made in response to the outcomes of effective
 assessment arrangements.
- 3. The short and medium-term planning is detailed and thorough and is based on sound analyses of the outcome of effective monitoring and evaluation strategies. School leaders have developed procedures which ensure all staff, and the parents, are clear about their roles and responsibilities in the promotion of students' learning.

Areas for Development

- 1. Further development of the range of planned teaching approaches so that students experience a wider range of learning opportunities, for example group discussions, that engage all students more actively in their learning during on-line classes.
- 2. Further support in students' IT skills and ensure all can access learning equally well.

Next Steps

The school needs to prepare and submit a distance learning improvement plan to SPEA within three (3) weeks of receiving the DLRV report. The improvement plan should address the following:

- a. Recommendations and improvement areas identified in the DLRV report.
- b. Areas identified by the school as requiring improvement.
- c. Priorities arising from the school's unique characteristics.

If you have a concern or wish to comment on any aspect of this report please contact us on schools.review@spea.shj.ae.