



### **ITQAN** Program

# **Distance Learning Review Visit Report**

## for

# New Delhi 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 16/06/2020.

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**

- 1. Students conduct themselves in a respectful manner in lessons, they participate in activities as instructed by teachers and they maintain their pace of learning. They use opportunities to connect with their peers and can manage their workloads. Students take part in a range of balanced learning activities.
- 2. Teachers plan lessons with clear learning outcomes and provide guidelines to students and parents to support learning. Teachers allow for flexibility in submission deadlines and use the home environment to build on students' learning. Teachers monitor students' learning through various digital applications and use skill-based rubrics to measure success and provide helpful feedback.
- 3. The school has used its existing technological knowledge to efficiently move into the digital learning mode. The wellbeing of staff is accounted for and senior leaders have communicated new responsibilities and expectations clearly. The Governors support the school and provide guidance to improve the distance learning provision.

Areas for Development

- 1. Further support, particularly for younger students, to enable them to access distance learning more independently. Further modifications to learning activities to meet students' individual learning needs.
- 2. Consistent communication to parents to keep them updated on their children's learning on a regular basis. Encouragement for the Parents' Council to network with their communities to further support the dissemination of initiatives and activities.

#### 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 <u>schools.review@spea.shj.ae.</u>

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