



ITQAN Program

Distance Learning Review Visit Report for Sharjah Indian 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' attendance is regular and their participation in learning sessions is active and enthusiastic. Students are kept safe while working online and experience an appropriate balance of activities which ensure that their learning continues without interruption.
- 2. Students' wellbeing is supported by teachers who consistently coordinate subject assignment deadlines to enable students to manage their work efficiently.
- 3. Teachers' planning ensures that intended learning objectives and outcomes are clear and modified to meet the needs of different groups of students and deliver core content and concepts. Teachers use a variety of assessment tools effectively to monitor and track students' learning.
- 4. The school's long and short-term planning is flexible and adapted to meet the changing needs of students based on a variety of future scenarios. The school continues to monitor resources and provides training to ensure that teachers and students have the necessary technology and skills to access distance learning.

Areas for Development

- 1. Further communications and support for parents by facilitating parents' access to parent support networks.
- 2. Further support for younger students' IT skills so that all can access the school's distance learning programme 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.