

KG Update

In the light of the Minister of Education's latest decision concerning the Kindergarten classes, we intend to convert now to a **hybrid program** starting on November 2nd, 2020. This program is liable to change, modification or updating, depending on the current health situation, and based on any recommendations by the Ministry of Education and/or Health.

Hybrid Program at CTI

I. Groups

KG students will be divided into groups, **Group 1 and Group 2**, for each class section, according to families. Siblings have been assigned to the same groups to attend school on the same days and simplify the transportation arrangements which parents have to make for the time being.

Groups will alternate in school attendance: Group 1 will attend school for one week, then Group 2 will attend the following week.

You will soon be notified about the group your child will be in.

Schedule for November 2020.

Class	Friday Oct. 30 Pick up Books (parents)	Monday Nov.2 KG1 Children meet the teachers	Tuesday Nov. 3 1 st day for KG1	Nov 4-6	Nov 9-13	Nov 16-20	Nov 23-27
KG1 A		9:00- 10:00	8:00 - 10:00	8:00 - 11:00	8:00 - 12:00	8:00 - 12:00	8:00 - 12:00
KG1 B		10:00- 11:00	8:00 - 10:00	8:00 - 11:00	8:00 - 12:00	8:00 - 12:00	8:00 - 12:00
KG2 A-B Group 1	8:00- 12:00			8:00- 11:00		8:00- 12:00	
KG2 A-B Group 2	8:00- 12:00				8:00- 11:00		8:00 - 12:00
KG3 A-B Group 1	8:00- 12:00			7:45- 12:30		7:45- 12:30	
KG3 A-B Group 2	8:00- 12:00				7:45- 12:30		7:45 - 12:30

Under the hybrid program, while Group 1 comes to school, Group 2 stays at home. Instruction will be divided between class and home, with most of the teaching/learning taking place in class, and review, application and practice taking place both in class and at home.

KG2 and KG3 students whose group will be staying at home will make use of **G Suite**, as well as the worksheets and books previously given. You have already received separate guidelines on how to use G Suite and it is being extremely helpful for online teaching and learning.

II. Timing

We will be implementing a **staggered arrival and departure** system for students as shown in the schedule table above, to allow social distancing between students.

Please adhere to dropping off your child at the times specified in the table. Similarly, when you pick up your child, **please adhere to picking him/her up at the specified times.** In both cases, this is for the safety of your child and to help us maintain social distancing.

III. Anti-Coronavirus Safety Measures

In order to minimize the risk of students getting infected with coronavirus, CTI has implemented the following safety measures for the 2020-2021 academic year. These measures will remain in place until we inform you otherwise, in accordance with any decisions by the Ministry of Education and/or Health. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these measures and, where applicable, nurture good habits with your child at home.

- Staggered arrival and departure times for KG children.
- Parents need to drop off and pick up their children at the back gate in a timely manner, to minimize contact with others. Parents should not gather at the school gate and will not be allowed inside the school. Children should understand that their parents cannot accompany them inside the school.
- Masks will be worn by students and teachers at all times. Children should wear masks to enter school and should have an extra mask in their schoolbag every day. **Any child not wearing a mask upon arrival to school will be refused entry and will not be provided with a mask to enter.** We encourage you to write your child's name on his/her mask, if possible.
- Disinfectant will be sprayed on children when they enter school.
- Temperature checks will be conducted daily before children join their classes. **If a student has fever, he/she will be sent home immediately.**
- Social distancing:
 - Students are divided into smaller sections; at any day, two sections will be at school and two will be at home
 - Teachers and staff will aim to maintain a distance of at least 1 meter between children.
 - Desks will be spaced at a distance of at least 1 meter from each other.
 - School supplies will be prepared for individual child use and will not be shared. Crayons, pencils, *etc.* will be kept in individual cases/boxes for each student.

- Recesses/breaks will be staggered so only one KG class will be in the playground at one time.
- Food safety:
 - Children will eat in class, each one at his/her own desk, to keep social distance. There will be **no sharing of food** among students.
 - A reusable food container, **labeled with the child's name**, should be used daily for sandwiches and snacks.
 - A reusable water bottle, **labeled with the child's name** and filled with clean drinking water, or one or more bottles of mineral water, should be sent to school daily with your child. Please bear in mind that although clean drinking water is available at school, it will **not be offered** this year to the KG children due to coronavirus considerations.
- Washing and Sanitizing
 - Washing of hands will be done frequently during the day. Parents are encouraged to teach their children how to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water.
 - Sanitizing hands with gel will be done at key moments in class throughout the day. Each child should have a pocket hand sanitizer in his/her schoolbag every day.
 - Disinfection of classrooms and desks will be conducted regularly by the cleaning staff at school.

IV. Health and Absences

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, children's health is a major concern this year.

- Temperature checks will be conducted daily before children join their classes. **Any child who registers a fever at a temperature check will not be allowed to join his/her class and the parents will be notified to pick him/her up from CTI.**
- A sick child must stay at home if he/she has the flu, fever, a persistent cough, respiratory problems, a sore throat, a runny nose, diarrhea, vomiting or any other COVID-19 symptoms. This will be best for the sick child's own comfort and is required for the welfare of other children. After an absence of 2 days or more, parents need to provide a doctor's report to school before the child is admitted to class.
- In class, at any sign of flu, fever, persistent cough, respiratory problems, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea, vomiting or any other COVID-19 symptoms, the child will be examined by the school nurse and the parents will be contacted to take the child home immediately. The child should stay at home for at least 2 days and parents need to provide a doctor's report to school before the child is admitted to class.
- In the event of a confirmed coronavirus case at school, CTI will follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and/or Ministry of Education. **CTI is not to be held responsible for any coronavirus infections.**
- Parents must immediately notify the school in case of coronavirus infection of their child or anyone in the family with whom the child has had contact. This is extremely important to determine who else the child may have been in contact with and

therefore take appropriate action. The school has a duty to protect the rest of the students, teachers and staff.

- As instructed by the Ministry of Health, any child infected with COVID-19 must self-isolate at home for 14 days. Parents will need to provide a doctor's report to school before the child is admitted to class following the end of the self-isolation period. The Ministry of Health's directives will have to be followed for anyone affected by COVID-19.
- In case of other contagious diseases, the child should be kept at home for two weeks starting from the onset of the disease. Parents will need to provide a doctor's report to school before the child is admitted to class.
- **The school has the right to send back home a child who shows any sign of infection or who returns to school while still contagious.**

We appreciate that the coming year poses a significant challenge in ensuring students' continued education while also protecting them from the risks of COVID-19 infection. We believe that with these measures in place, and with your support in adhering to them, students will continue receiving the great education they are accustomed to at CTI.

Praying for a healthy year for children, parents, teachers and staff.

Preschool Coordinator