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Welcome back BESGB families,

We are so delighted to welcome everyone back to the new academic year 2021-2022, and we are excited to have our learners back in the classrooms and hallways, filled with energy and enthusiasm for learning.

We also look forward to welcoming and meeting the new families who just joined our school, and we want them to be assured that we are all here to support their children. Our staff and community are all committed to providing the best educational experience to all our learners despite the challenging times we are passing through. You can always let us know how we can help should you have any needs not attended to.

As our start-up dates are approaching, we have some new points that we would like to share with you:

1. Start-up dates

The Start-up dates have been sent to the WhatsApp groups as well as posted on the school website under "mailbox" (<https://besgb.edu.lb/mailbox/>). Should there be any changes, we will inform you. All induction meetings have been postponed for the time being.

2. Communication

For all our school updates and news, all parents are advised to check our website and to join our WhatsApp relevant school groups. If you haven't done that yet, please call our school receptionist or pass by the school. Following us on social media is very much advised as well ([facebook.com/besgb](https://www.facebook.com/besgb), [instagram.com/besgb](https://www.instagram.com/besgb), twitter.com/besgb)

3. Back-to-school safety measures

For COVID-19 safety, we kindly ask you to fully abide by all our safety measures found in the detailed letter from our school nurse, also found on the website.

4. Books and copybooks lists

After taking into consideration the dire financial situation for most of our families, our books and copybooks lists are minimized. They are uploaded to "Mailbox" on the school website (<https://besgb.edu.lb/mailbox/>) as well as sent to the WhatsApp groups.

5. School days/teaching hours

As recommended by the ministry of education, we will have **4 teaching days** per week. Preschool, Lower Elementary, and Upper Elementary

classes will have Fridays as a day-off. As for the Intermediate and Secondary classes, the non-on-campus school day will not be a fixed day but will differ each week. A special calendar will be sent to students/parents of those classes very soon. **All learners will start their school day at 7:35 a.m. and finish normally at 2:30 p.m.**

6. Recess times

All learners will enjoy two outdoor recess times which will differ from one section to another. All recess times will be found on the class schedules. They will be distributed by the head of sections during the first day of teaching.

7. Cafeteria services

All learners are asked to bring enough food and drinks for the whole teaching day since our cafeteria services will be on hold for the time being.

8. Bus services

Bus services are available for this academic year. Our accounting department can provide any information in this regard.

9. Uniform

All learners are asked to wear the **school's yellow polo** shirt and any **dark navy-blue** pants. Also, school sports uniform is required by learners (Grades 1-12). All school uniform can be found at "Cotton Mall".

10. Drop off & Picking-up gates and timings

Preschool and Lower Elementary learners are asked to use Gate 1; Upper Elementary learners are asked to use Gate 2; Intermediate and Secondary learners are asked to use Gate 4. For safety reasons, all parents are asked **not** to drop their children at school before 7:15 a.m. and to pick them up at the end of the school day at 2:30 p.m. sharp.

11. Tuition fees

The well-known dire economic and financial situation our country is passing through caused a high rise on the school running costs. As a result, the raise on our tuition fees for 2021-2022 is inevitable. More details will be shared with you very soon.

We look forward to a successful and blessed school year ahead as we continue to work hard to meet the goals we have established for our school community.

Thank you in advance for all your usual support, and once again, welcome back. Together, let us make it another great year.

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