**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

The recent pandemic called Coronavirus, also known as “COVID-19” or “novel Coronavirus” has changed the way we live, study, work and connect with each other. The information about this virus changes daily and has had a great impact on us. Many nations have been faced with lockdown and inability to move around in the country. Many schools have also switched to online classes in order for children to continue and complete the remaining part of their syllabus.

Fortunately, the Republic of Benin is not under complete lockdown. One of the recent announcements from the Government is that, not all students will be

returning to school on the 11th of May, as previously announced. All classes from Grade 6 upwards were instructed to resume on the 11th of May, Grade 1 to Grade 5 will resume on the 10th of August and declared end of school session for Pres school.

Following this announcement, we have reopened school for Grade 6 and 7mwith extra care and precautions taken.

As a school that prioritizes the education and wellbeing of the children, management has decided to also switch to online classes for all other grades. For the online classes, as a school, we are doing our best not to jeopardize the educational standard of the children which can lead to negative responses from both parents and children.

Oak International School also fosters a spirit of genuine care for all its members, be it teachers, students or parents. It is also important to note that as a family, we are here for you in this time of need especially when people are feeling scared. We must also work together to make the online educational tools as effective as possible and we can do so by supporting each other in this Oak Community.

Below are some preventions as listed by WHO.

* Maintain at least 1metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.
* Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
* Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
* Avoid going to crowded places.
* Keep up to date on the latest information from trusted sources, such as WHO or your local and national health authorities.

Remember to follow the procedures for a brighter future. Continue to keep safe.

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