



June 12, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Update #19 - 'Summer' Break and Reopening Update

Dear ISK Community,

The end of the school year is one that brings out a range of feelings from students, parents, teachers, and staff. This year ends with our community spread around the world with ISK finishing classes in virtual mode. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the ISK community. I have been impressed by the resilience and adaptability of our teachers, students, and the whole community as they embraced evolving new 'normals' and have continually adjusted and recalibrated to make the best of what have been constantly changing dynamics.

This is our last COVID-19 Update for a few weeks as we take a short break to recharge and focus on planning for ISK's reopening in September. Much of this planning will take place during the month of July, when we also believe we will have more information available regarding the evolution of the coronavirus in Kenya. Below is an update on some items:

New Government of Kenya Directives Announced This Past Weekend

Per the June 6 announcement, the GoK announced that schools can begin planning for a September 1 reopening for on-campus learning. The GoK continued restrictions of international flights in and out of Kenya, while protocols are now being developed to reinstate domestic air travel first.

Effective June 7, nightly curfew hours were revised to 9:00 pm to 4:00 am. Public gatherings are still prohibited.

Planning for Reopening Parent Webinar Recording

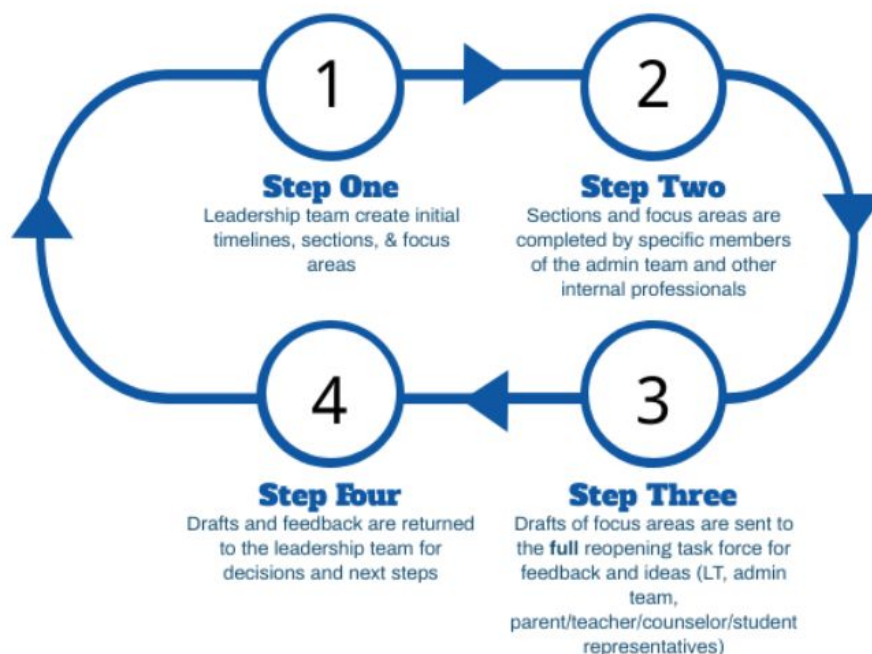
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Thank you for all the parents who attended last week's Reopening Parent Webinar. Parents heard about the various perspectives from our recent parent survey about our Reopening Blueprint ([BLUEPRINT LINK HERE](#)). We also shared some next steps in how we expect to support on-campus learning and our virtual hybrid mode. You can see the recording of the webinar here: [Planning for Reopening Youtube Link](#).

Reopening Task Force: Stages of Action and Development

The extended Reopening Task Force met this week to begin the process of detailing the plans for reopening ISK to on-campus learning this coming September 1. The graphic below shows an overview of ISK's process to create the details included in our reopening blueprint. In the next few days, we will have selected and contacted a couple of parents, teachers/counselors, and students to participate in Step Three of the stages of development of the detailed reopening plans.



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Procedures to Drop Off Student Items to Campus

With the ISK campus closed, we understand that some families might still have items to drop off at the campus. Please label your items in a box or bag and write your child's name and grade on it. These items can be dropped off at the Security Office.

ISK Campus Closed During Summer

The campus will remain closed as the school follows current government guidelines. It is uncertain if this will change over the summer break; however, if there are changes we will provide an update. If there are individual requests to pick something up from campus, please contact Robert Onyango, ISK Security Manager, at ronyango@isk.ac.ke.

There is a bittersweet emotion at the end of another school year. This year it is especially difficult to try and say your goodbyes without being in each others' presence. At the same time, it is time for some play and relaxation during our long vacation.

It has been a pleasure to serve the ISK community this past year, and I look forward to our collective journey in the new school year. Have a wonderful summer break! We will see most of you in September, and we wish the very best to our departing families!

Warmly,
David

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