



Divine Light Academy, Inc.

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Frequently Asked Questions from DLA Parents

Dear Parents,

Greetings in the name of the Most Holy Infant Jesus of Prague! We hope and pray that this letter will find you and your family well and safe!

As our indispensable partners in the education and formation of our students, we listen to you and we take seriously your questions and comments. Hereunder are the FAQs you have sent us through your child's/children's teacher/s:

On Modes of Instruction:

1. Is the school considering F2F mode of classes? If so, how will you go about it?

With the current pandemic, it will be very hard for us to conduct F2F classes. However, aware of the numerous advantages of F2F classes, and with the issuance of DM_s2021_071.pdf and DM_s2021_085.pdf asking all schools to prepare for it, yes, we have taken steps to prepare for Hybrid modality when it will already be very safe to conduct F2F classes.

Initially, we have organized working committees to work on the different areas as required by DepEd and DOH, which sent us a very long list of assessment requirements. We are required to conduct a self-assessment first before we invite them to inspect our school. It will be only after passing their very strict standards and requirements can we operate F2F classes.

2. My son has respiratory comorbidity and will therefore be more vulnerable. Will he be required F2F classes?

For students to join F2F classes they need parental consent and should be fully vaccinated. And even if they are allowed by their parents to attend F2F, students with comorbidities will still be required to present medical clearances from their doctors.



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3. For incoming preschoolers next year, will they also be required to join F2F classes?

Joining F2F classes is not mandatory especially for preschoolers. Aside from this, Parental consent and full vaccination are two important requirements we require from students before we allow them to join F2F classes.

4. Will the parents be part of the planning committee for the F2F classes? Parents might be of help.

As our indispensable partners, we shall invite parents to help us in preparing for the F2F classes.

5. If parents will not agree with F2F completely, can we suggest that exams like written works be done in school?

Your suggestion will make it easier for the teachers to assess accurately, their students' learning.

6. With the current Pandemic situations and health risks, what will be your criteria in the selection process of those who will attend the F2F classes and those who will attend the online classes? Will teachers and students be required of the Antigen tests?

Granting that our school passed ALL the requirements of DepEd, DOH and our LGU and we are granted the safety seal, we shall invite only students, who are fully vaccinated and with parental consent to join our in-person or F2F classes. We shall also be requiring students with comorbidities, to submit medical clearances. Students who were not allowed to report to school by their parents, and those with comorbidities and were not given medical clearance will attend online classes. Before we start with the F2F classes, all teachers and personnel, who will have contacts with the students will have to undergo Antigen tests.

7. What mode of learning will be implemented if NOT ALL parents agree with F2F?

We have to prepare for the Hybrid modality, wherein some will report to school for F2F and the others will continue with the Online mode at home.

8. If DLA is looking into Hybrid Mode of classes, is there a guarantee that you can handle Covid cases that might happen in the course of it?

Part of our plans is to provide an ISOLATION room, in case a student gets detected with Covid in school. Our nurses and a doctor will look after the patient while in school and inform the parents immediately. But we will also adopt precautionary measures to avoid such incidents.



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8.1. Parents are advised to check their children before allowing them to go to school. Students should not be allowed to go to school if they don't feel well or if they have fever, no matter how slight it is.

8.2. The entrance gate guards are instructed to screen the students and other entrants very well. A nurse will likewise be stationed at the gate to help identify students not feeling well. These students should not be allowed entry and should be advised to go home right away. That's why drivers should wait for their rider/s to gain entry before leaving the school.

9. Will the next school year be limited to F2F classes for HS only?

We are not yet sure if F2F classes will already be allowed this coming AY 2022-2023. But in case it will be allowed and we pass the screening of DepEd, DOH and IATF, our F2F classes will be limited to fully vaccinated students with parental consents and medical clearances for those with comorbidities. We will continue holding Online Distance Learning (ODL) for other students, who will not meet the above criteria.

10. Is it possible for the school to offer pure online classes for the students who already migrated to other countries?

Yes, they will be gladly accommodated in DLA and will be given eBooks instead of the printed ones. For two academic years now, we have students abroad, who are attending our online classes.

11. Will there be an increase in tuition fees should the school opted for F2F, both for onsite and online?

We are glad to inform you that there will be NO Tuition fee increase next year, whether we go online or F2F or Hybrid modes.

Academic Concerns:

1. Will the school consider E-Books rather than physical books for next school year?

We might consider it for a few subjects only. We need to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of having eBooks rather than the Physical books.



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2. What happens to the activities missed by the students? Like first communion and confirmation. What is the plan of the school?

These activities have been tentatively suspended due to the Pandemic. The churches are not allowing such at the moment. Being a Catholic school, we will push through with these. Should the situation improve, we shall update you on the advice of our parish priest.

3. Will there be an extension of classes for this school year due to the health break?

Definitely there will be an extension of classes because of the required number of school days by DepEd. We shall discuss this with the teachers and administrators and will keep you posted immediately.

4. Will exams be moved to a later date?

Yes, based on the health break, we might have it one week after the original schedule. We shall announce it in due time.

5. What will be the adjusted schedule for the remaining days of the school year?

At present, we are thinking of having make-up classes on Saturdays to compensate for the one-week health break. But the administrators will finalize this as soon as they have their virtual meeting. Be rest assured that we will update you immediately.

Health Concerns:

1. Will the health break be extended?

The health break will not be extended, unless the situation calls for it like another sudden surge of the Covid-19 and its variants. (Please see our letter dated January 15, 2022.) We still hope and pray that the Pandemic will be gone soon!

2. Will the teachers and students be required of Antigen Test if there will be F2F classes?

At the start of F2F classes, all DLA employees, who will report to school will be required to have Antigen test, even if they are fully vaccinated and given booster shots.



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3. If vaccination for children will already start, will DLA require the students of this age to be vaccinated? What if the parents prefer a later date?

Only fully vaccinated students with parental consent and medical clearance will be invited to join our F2F classes. It is the parent's option when he/she would like to have his/her child vaccinated.

4. Are the kids below 12 required to have vaccination or is their flu vaccination enough?

We believe flu vaccination will not suffice as vaccination against Covid. Please inquire from the authorities.

5. Are all teachers and staff of DLA fully vaccinated?

We are requiring all DLA employees and security guards to be fully vaccinated.

6. What preventive measures will the school do to guarantee that the teachers and staff are Covid-free and fit to work aside from being vaccinated? Will they undergo weekly Antigen tests? Same with students?

Preventive measures include daily health assessment check for faculty and staff, home-based symptoms screening for students, temperature check and disinfection procedures prior to entry to school, hygiene practices, physical distancing, proper ventilation inside classrooms and proper wearing of masks in school.

Antigen tests are given only when necessary as recommended by authorities.

7. What is the contingency plan of the school if there is a sudden surge of Covid cases?

The health and safety of our students are always our prime concern just like what we have done when we immediately declared a health break for our students and teachers.

8. Will there be a trauma session for kids who experienced Covid? Maybe the Guidance personnel can help in the mental and emotional health of students?

In the past, we have conducted Social and Emotional Health webinars for our students. We will continue inviting SEL authorities and experts this coming school year. Yes, our Guidance counselors conduct lessons and sessions on mental, social and emotional health of our students.

Even our teachers are instructed to integrate social and emotional learning (SEL) in their academic lessons.



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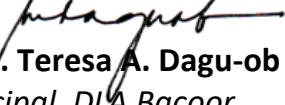
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9. If there will be hybrid classes, will the school ensure that there will be IATF approval on all security and safety aspects?

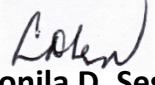
As previously mentioned, schools will be permitted to conduct hybrid or F2F only AFTER complying with ALL the requirements of DepEd, DOH, and IATF. These schools will be monitored during the implementation, if the standards and requirements are still being strictly observed.

We hope that we have responded to your questions clearly as we try to keep our communication lines open.

In closing, we share everyone's hopes and prayers that this pandemic will end soon. May Jesus, the Divine LIGHT and HEALER bless and protect our families always!


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