

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **Dyatmika will start the school year with Home Based Learning from Playgroup to Class 12**

The following advice has been received from education authorities in Denpasar.

In accordance with national regulations, only schools in green zones can conduct Campus Based Learning. Schools in yellow, orange and red zones are prohibited from conducting face-to-face learning and must continue learning from home. Currently Denpasar is included in the red [zone category](#).

Tuition Fees are discounted by 15% during Term 1. This situation means that the school is continuing to run a deficit budget, drawing on emergency reserve funds. Dyatmika's fees are already lower than those of comparable schools.

### **Current requests being made to the Ministry of Education (MoE)**

SPK schools (schools like ours) have made a request to the Ministry of Education that:

1. Before a green zone is declared, students be permitted to attend as groups of 5 individuals, so that contact with others is minimised. This would make it possible for younger students (PG to Class 1) to be on campus for some time each week, supplemented by a learning pack and online contact.
2. Once green zone status is achieved, schools with different levels of schooling (Early Years, Primary, High School) be allowed to open without a 2-month gap between each level, providing that each is in a separate part of the school. This is the case for Dyatmika.
3. PE be taught on campus once it reopens. Dyatmika's extensive sports facilities allow PE to be taught with physical distance between students.

We will inform you of the MoE's response.

### **Why have some schools in Bali reopened face to face?**

You may know that some playgroups / schools are open for face to face programmes. These institutions either:

- have a different type of licence, or
- are using premises that are not classified as a school (e.g. are counted as a tourist facility).

In either case these arrangements are not subject to the same government regulations as schools.

### **How can students get their schoolbooks for the new school year?**

The school will arrange pick up times for exercise books. Please watch for more information.

### **Will the school shop be open?**

The school shop is moving [online](#). Entry to the school shop will be for the pickup of items ordered and paid for online. The proof of purchase must be shown to gain entry to the shop at set times. Detailed pick up information will be sent when a purchase is made.

### **Will there be so much screen time for Home-Based Learning?**

Feedback from parents, students and teachers is that less screen time is better for students. Teachers have put in place opportunities for independent work, with accountability for completing tasks.

### **Must my child attend the campus once it reopens?**

Not if you do not wish them to. Current government guidance is that parents must provide written permission for their child to attend the school campus. Access to learning materials will be provided for students who do not come to school.

When the school campus can reopen, there will be *no* difference in the Tuition Fee between those who are learning on campus or at home.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you so much for your recognition of teachers' dedication and of the efforts of Dyatmika's entire team during this pandemic. Dyatmika staff are also very grateful for the support of parents!

Regards,

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