



Safety Policy

School Safety Plans: General Policies

The school safety plan includes the following:

- A vision mission statement indicates the basic premise that all other policies are based on. The school is committed to making sure that all students are given the opportunity to learn in a safe and supportive environment. Teachers and administrators work together with each other and people in the community, including law enforcement officials, to ensure that student safety is a priority.
- Specific programs and strategies for keeping students and staff members safe are set out, including keeping the grounds neat and tidy, and security measures taken on a regular basis by staff members.
- A statement regarding the school's social and cultural environment. Teachers and staff members are expected to show concern for their pupils. Students are expected to behave in an orderly fashion. If a student has a concern about his or her safety, they are encouraged to bring it to the attention of a teacher, the principal, or academic coordinator so that appropriate action may be taken.

School Safety Plans: Emergency Situations

In addition to a general set of policies that set the tone for the school environment, a school safety plan also needs to include specific policies to be implemented when an emergency situation arises. The emergency procedures plans are developed after consulting with local police and fire officials. Different courses of action will be taken based on the level of threat involved.

Here are some examples:

- For an elevated threat to safety and security, police may be called and asked to come to the school. If a student or staff member has been injured, paramedics may need to be called as well.
- At the next highest level of threat, police may be called, and the principal or academic coordinator may need to issue a written note to parents to advise them about the situation or provide further information to them in person or by phone.
- In the most severe situations, police may be called and the principal may be directed to close the school. Any visitors to the campus may be asked to produce photo ID and escorted to part of the building where they need to go.

Training and Drills

Fire drills and safety training are a part of the school curriculum. By practicing how to exit the building quickly and calmly, if a real emergency were to transpire, students and staff will know exactly how to respond without scrambling to find the closest exit. Every term school trains the students and staff with fire safety drills.

School has a nurse room provided with basic first aid facilities to cater any first aid emergency at school. Emergency supplies are kept on the school campus and are examined on a regular basis to ensure that everything is in order and they don't need to be restocked.

Emergency contact information is updated at least once every school year, and parents are reminded throughout the year to advise office staff if their contact information changes.

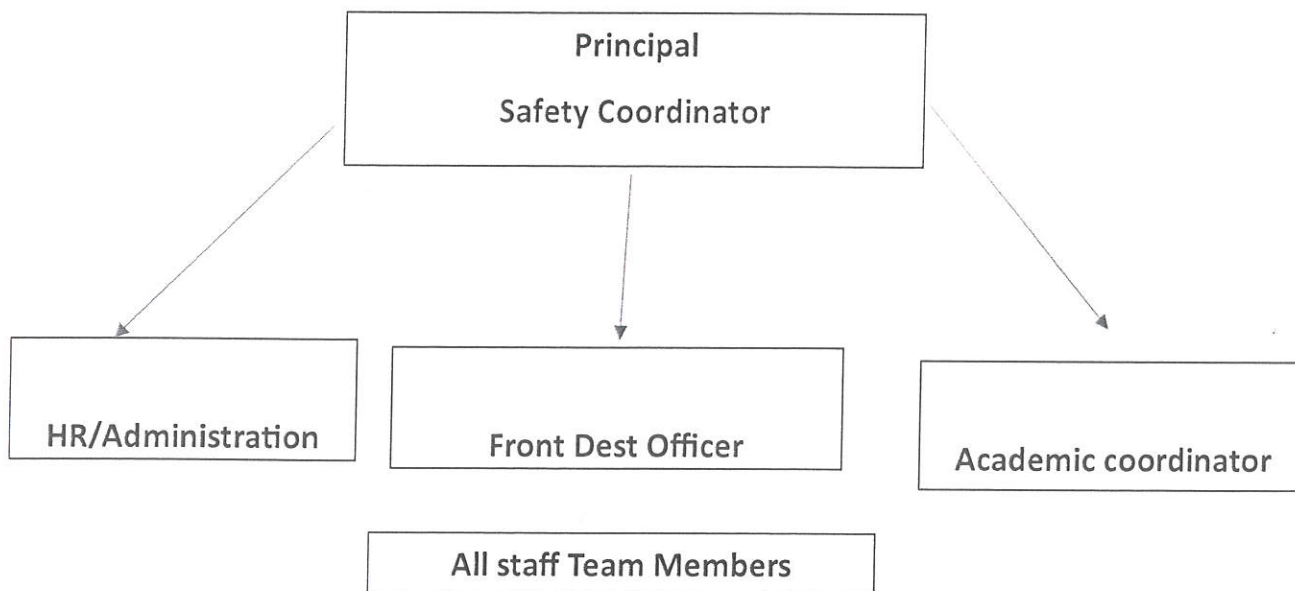
Schools need to implement written safety policies to keep everyone who works and studies there safe so that they can get on with the job of being effective learners.

Schools play an important role in educating students about disease prevention within their homes and communities. Additionally, many children and adolescents rely on key services provided by schools, such as

school meal programs, psychosocial support and outreach for vulnerable populations. This document provides suggestions for safety measures and protocols against COVID-19 transmission in school, describes considerations associated with each measure, so that schools may safely resume and sustain operations. The protocols are presented as practice (**physical distancing, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection, and personal hygiene**).

Health and safety Team

Al Shoumoukh International Academy has a dedicated team for ensuring health and safety measures in school. In case of any query or emergency please feel free to contact the Health and Safety Team.



General measurements of safety in school

1- Arrival and departure of students using school transport

- The temperature of the students will be measured and recorded when they board the bus
- Dispersal of students will not be allowed in groups
- The students must board the respective buses maintaining social distancing

2- Arrival and departure of students using self-conveyance

- The temperature of the students will be measured at the entrance. Entry is permitted only for those who have less than 38°C
- The parents should wait at the entrance to complete the entry procedure and may leave after ensuring the entry of the child.

3- Social Distancing at school

- A safe distance will be maintained among the students and the staff as per the directives of the Ministry of Public Health.

- Appropriate occupancy rate for the purpose of social distancing will be maintained in the school buses, classrooms and in all other areas of the school.
- All the employees and visitors are instructed to wear facemasks
- Frequent use of sanitizer is recommended by the school and adequate number of sanitizing points are installed in the campus

4. Instructions for Staff

4.1- Face Masks

It's important that you wear a face mask during your lessons. Reusable face masks with filters in the fabric may come in handy!

4.2- Keep a safe distance

Social distancing still applies even if you're a teacher! Keep a safe distance from your colleagues and students to protect yourselves and those around you.

4.3- Disinfectant supplies

Make sure that you have hand sanitizer on hand in case you are unable to wash your hands. Anti-bacterial wipes will also be useful to wipe down surfaces as an extra precaution.

4.4- Stay home if you're sick

Even if you have a minor symptom of Coronavirus, it's better to self-isolate to protect your colleagues and students and to recuperate.

4.5- Support student's mental health

It's a difficult time for everyone and the pandemic has taken a harsh mental toll on people around the world. Speak to your students to make sure that they're feeling comfortable too. Encourage them to be open about their anxiety so that you can help them through it.

4.6- Ventilation

Ensure classrooms are properly ventilated so that air is circulated as much as possible.

4.7- Encourage Healthy Eating Habits

Talk to your students about the importance of staying healthy, in all ways. Educate them on foods that are known as immunity boosters and remind them to stay hydrated too!

4.8- Watch out for symptoms

Keep a close eye out for students who exhibit any symptoms of Coronavirus. Whether it's a runny nose, fever or a cough, send those students to the school nurse immediately.

4.9- Hand washing etiquette

Younger students especially will need to be informed well on the importance of washing their hands. Educate them on how long they need to be washing their hands and help them do it adequately.

4.10- Seating arrangement

Do your best to ensure that students are in the same seats for your classes and aren't moving places every day.

4.11- Reinforce safety guidelines

Remind your students about the safety measures put in place and why they should be following them.

Create posters and visuals to place in classrooms and school halls that remind students to practice hygiene.

4.12 - Take care of yourself

While you will be trying to make sure your students are educated and safe, don't forget to take care of your own needs! As we are all under tremendous stress, don't lose sight of hope and do your best to make sure your own needs well.