



TRINIDAD RENAISSANCE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

It is indeed a pleasure to write to you at the end of yet another term. I do hope that you and your family are well. I know that some of you were affected directly with the pandemic and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

It is now over a year with Renaissance moving to an online school and from the feedback as well as classroom observation the students have adjusted well and, in most cases, happy and settled in the online environment. You would have also seen several improvements to our platform and website and several of our online resources.

This term we also made some changes to the administrative structure of our preschool, this change will allow for access to the available Renaissance online resources. Additionally, it will provide for a seamless transition from the Pre-K level into the reception class. Parents are reminded that based on the teachers' recommendation and if he or she is 5 years on or before December 31, 2022, they will be eligible to be promoted to the Reception level next September.

If your child is included in this age group, please visit our website, and set up an appointment for us to meet. It will be great for you to also complete the simple online registration form. We can meet early in new year if that is more convenient. Ideally this needs to happen before the 14th January as we do accept applications at this stage from outside of Renaissance.

Invoices

A few days ago, the system generated the invoices for the new term. Please make every effort to make your payments as soon as it is practical. The school policy is that fees are to be paid before the start of the term. Additionally, the COVID concession will be offered again for those needing assistance. If you will be taking the concession, please let us know and we will adjust the invoice. Currently you have several options to make your payments.

- Online via our website online store – *You can access this page from the Renaissance Website parents' portal or the Fees page. <https://trinidadrenaissance.com>*
- Via online Banking - You can deposit directly into the schools account, please forward the confirmation slip as we would need to track the payments coming in.
- You can also pay via Cheque, Credit or Debit Card at the school's office.

Note: We no longer accept cash at the school's office.



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Students Attendance

There is no doubt that with the new online classroom environment both parents and students may face new challenges. However, there are some basic expectations of the student school interaction that should continue to be respected.

Attendance – students are expected to attend all classes assigned and it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the student is attending school regularly.

Punctuality – Again it is expected that the student not only attend his or her classes, students are also expected to be on time and to remain in the classroom until dismissed. All sessions are important in the Renaissance model.

Respect for the classroom environment – The discussions and interaction within the classroom should be respected. Parents should not invite other persons to sit in classrooms or students from other schools without first consulting with the class teacher. **Please do not record the sessions and share with any third party.**

Equipment – Please ensure that your child have access to a good working computer, proper headphones, stable and dependable internet connection. *Ju t i gine that o child is make of what ac is aying, and the e keeps cutting in and out.* It will not only be difficult to understand what was said the child still must also understand what was taught.

Integrity and Fidelity of Tests – Parents are expected to support their child's education. However, this does not include doing the test for the child or allowing them to go back to change answers, or in some case change answers on test papers for the child. This not only teachers the child an unhealthy principle it undermines the child and his or her education. For the teacher to effectively assist and support your child she needs to see a true reflection of what the child understands and do not understand. This will directly influence the approach, strategies, lesson content, assignments, group work, individual assistance etc. Please support your child by supporting the teacher.

Reports

End of term reports will be published on the 14th December via the platform. In some cases, it may be available even before this date, where this may be possible the class teacher will inform you.



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Our new term will commence on the 5th January 2022. From what we are seeing physical classroom may not be back until at earliest next September. An updated calendar will be on the website soon.

All current parents have an account to login to our webpage parents' portal. The username is your Renaissance parent ID. If you missed the communication with the default password, you can do a password reset and the system will send an email to reset the password. Remember this is the website not the Renaissance platform where your child will login daily.

As we come to the end of the term and year, I want to sincerely thank you and your family for the confidence and support for Renaissance. It was truly brilliant to see the children this past week collecting their gifts and meeting the teachers. Through all our efforts both parent and school Renaissance is stronger. We are truly fortunate to have this community and I look forward to the coming year to work with you to continue to nourish and support the Renaissance family.

Happy Holidays and all the best for the New Year.

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