



Trinidad Renaissance School

66-68 Gordon Street, San Fernando, Trinidad
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Friday 2nd September 2022.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I do hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I am sure the children enjoyed the long break and is looking forward to returning to physical school. This term will be the full return to the physical school with almost all students attending, at the same time we will maintain the online school for those choosing to remain virtual. A special welcome to all the new parents and children joining the Renaissance family, it is great to have you on board.

Over the vacation Renaissance added several new members of staff to better serve the children and to assist with providing a safe environment. We also expanded the Pre-K and Reception spaces including adding additional staffing. I am sure you will get a chance to meet everyone as you visit or when next we meet for parents evening.

Currently there are a few administrative points for us to consider.

Opening of School

Please note that the first day of school is Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Times

Please see the listing for your child's class.

Pre K1 -	9:00 am	-	12:00 pm
Pre K2 -	8:30 am	-	2:00 pm
Reception	8:00 am	-	2:15 pm
Year 1	8:00 am	-	2:15 pm
Year 2	8:00 am	-	2:30 pm
Year 3	8:00 am	-	3:00 pm
Year 4	8:00 am	-	3:00 pm
Year 5	8:00 am	-	3:00 pm
Year 6	8:00 am	-	3:00 pm

Arrival

All Pre-K Levels	-	Arrive at Main Entrance Lewis Street Building (White Picket Fence)
Reception	-	Arrive at Main Entrance Lewis Street Building (White Picket Fence)
Years 1 & Year 2	-	Arrive at Main Entrance Lewis Street Building (White Picket Fence)
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	-	Arrival Main Entrance Gordon Street Building

Dismissal

All Pre-K Levels	-	Dismissal from Lewis Street Play Park
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Reception	-	Dismissal from Lewis Street Play Park
Years 1 & Year 2	-	Dismissal from Main Entrance Lewis Street Building
Year 3	-	Dismissal on Lewis Street (Back Gate)
Year 4	-	Dismissal from Main Gate Gordon Street
Year 5	-	Dismissal from Main Gate Gordon Street
Year 6	-	Dismissal on Lewis Street (Back Gate)

Your child's teacher will communicate any specific arrangements that may apply to your child's class.

Be kind to our neighbours

Given the culture at Renaissance we welcome parents bringing their child to our doors for drop off with the traditional hugs and kisses. The first week of school can be difficult for our neighbours with parking challenges and traffic. I ask that you be mindful of other users of the road. If you need to take a photo for the first day, come early and secure a park. Having dropped off your child it will be useful to proceed on so it will make room for other parents. Also do not leave your vehicle parked on the corner unattended as wrecking is in effect.

Lunch

We are working to return to the traditional lunch service from Monday 12th September. Please note for the first three days of school you are to provide a packed lunch for your child. The cost of providing the daily lunch service not only consistently increased over recent years it dramatically increased since the start of the Covid lockdown. We will monitor the cost and provide feedback closer to the end of this term. It is also worth noting that fees were last reviewed in September 2016 and the gradual increase in providing meals were absorbed by the school. This being said, and in the interim, anyone wishing to contribute towards the meals please do so, just indicate on your contribution that the donation is towards meals.

Curriculum and Timetable

You will notice that a few of the subjects and activities will be gradually restarted as we are still working out the final timetable. Pre-K and the Lower school will also see the introduction of Yoga sessions. We expect this to be extremely beneficial to the children.

Swimming - Swimming will commence from the second week of school (This applies to Pre-K up to Year 3)

Cricket – Will resume by the third week of school. Please let the class teacher know if your child will be registering. This will be open to ages 6 and up.

Archery – Will resume the first week in October. This will be open from Year 2 upwards.

Given that digital learning is now established in our classrooms the older children from Years 3 to 6 will be allowed to bring in their laptop/ tablets to access the online resources and assignments etc. We will be using these tools within the classroom regularly on the days that the teachers indicate.



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Online School

It will be useful to note that the online school, resources and the use of discussion board and assignment posting etc. will continue. This will enable the child to login as usual and attend sessions from home if it becomes necessary.

Parents Meet and Greet

On our schedule are two meet and greet for the parents of Pre-K levels and Reception. The class teacher will forward any additional details.

Monday 5th Reception Parents - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 6th Pre-k Levels - 4:00 pm

Please note that this is an invitation for the parents where you will get a chance to meet the other parents of your child's class as well as to ask any questions you may have.

Parents Portal – Renaissance Website

You are reminded that you can access the parent's portal on the school's website. Here you will find several useful links including the updated calendar of the events, the term dates and scheduled term breaks

<https://trinidadrenaissance.com/parents-portal>

You will need to login to the website first to gain access. If you need assistance please WhatsApp directly from the page or contact the admin office.

COVID Safety Protocol

Masks - For this coming term we recommend that the children continue to wear their masks. It is optional for the Pre-K levels though we still recommend it where practical.

We will no longer have temperature checks at the gate, however the sinks and sanitizers will be used throughout the day. We ask that parents continue to provide personal sanitizers for your child. We will also continue to use the air filtration system

The online Covid Declaration form is no longer required.

In the event you or your child contract the Covid Virus please take the necessary steps to isolate and quarantine.

Additionally, children that are sick will be required to stay at home and attend class via the online school.

Packing for School

In a continued effort to simplify the process and lighten the weight of bags some of the text and other books will remain in school and will be sent home when needed. You will receive a communication from the class teacher on what to pack for the first day and arrangements for the following days. There is no need to send the child with all the resources everyday.



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Parents' Evening

The next scheduled parents' evening is October 7th 2022 at 4:00 pm. All parents are invited. This will be our first in person parents' meeting in over two years so it will be good to see you all in person.

Any additional information particular to your child's class will be sent from the class teacher.

Looking forward to a wonderful year, I thank you for your support and trust you have placed in Renaissance.

All best wishes,

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