

To: Parents / legal guardians of the students of
Apostolos Andreas Gymnasium, Empa

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Topic: The return of students to schools after the summer vacations

Dear parents / legal guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we contact you after the summer vacations. Our school is ready to welcome our students in an environment which promotes freedom and democracy, cultivates knowledge and shapes their character. Unfortunately, once again, Coronavirus and its variants make our work even more challenging, yet our staff is getting ready to review and implement safety procedures within the school, which are in accordance with the relevant guidelines and health protocols.

We will strive to keep learning as the focus, but the health and safety of our staff and students are critical factors. In light of all this, you are kindly urged to take all the necessary actions so that your children arrive, on the first day of school, with a Safe Pass certificate, indicated to the school authorities before entering the school premises.

A student's SAFE PASS is valid for admission to our school, if one of the following is presented:

- (1) An accepted COVID-19 certificate indicating, at least, the vaccination with the 1st dose, provided that 3 weeks have elapsed since the day of vaccination.
- (2) A certificate of Recovery from COVID-19 provided that it is not issued after the elapse of 6 months from the date of sampling of the first PCR positive result.
- (3) A negative PCR result or negative rapid test result that has been administered during the last 72 hours prior to the student arrival at school.

In the midst of these unprecedented conditions and in preparation for the new school year, the top priority of our school remains the health and safety of our school community, while ensuring that the school lessons continue unhindered. You are, therefore, kindly requested to **encourage** and **urge** your children to be vaccinated following the instructions and guidance of the Ministry of Health and Health Epidemiologists. In this way, you can assist in the collective effort to stop the spread of the pandemic and its adverse consequences while, at the same time, protecting both your children and the people around them.

We also ask you to make sure that your children bring their school bag on the first day so they can put the school books they will be given. We also request to bring their personal reusable flask for hygienic and environmental reasons.

For further information, you can click on the following link <http://gym-empa-paf.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/> where you can find the relevant circular of the Cyprus Ministry of Education as well as the protocol of the Ministry of Health.

We look forward to welcoming students back to our school on Tuesday, September 7th.