Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Will there be more information provided beyond what is available in the Distance Education Plan?

Yes. Individual teachers will make contact with students and parents prior to the start of the first day of online instruction to provide specific details about where to go for assignments, how to turn them in, etc.

2. What kinds of routines that occur on campus will also be available online?

Beyond providing feedback from your son’s teachers, counselors will call every student at least once per week, tutors will help anyone who makes requests for assistance, and Deans of Students will monitor online behavior of students. We also have a Distance Education Page on our school website where we ask students to check in each day to click on the Morning Prayer, Word of the Day, and Phrase of the Day. We also ask our students to visit the same page at the end of each school day to recite our Three o’clock Prayer.

3. Why are classes for specific subjects not scheduled at a particular time of the day?

Because we are a boys’ school and many of our students have siblings and parents with whom share computers, we did not want our students to miss their classes. In addition, with live online courses, technical difficulties can cause a student to miss a session and not be able to make it up. Finally, pre-taping teacher instruction or providing instruction via PowerPoint, Google Slides, etc. can help students to learn at their own pace, stopping instruction as needed for them to fully understand what is being taught.

4. I see that tutoring and counseling are available and that feedback from teachers will take place in writing and on video when needed. How do I request this?

From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each school day, teachers, tutors, and counselors will be available for all students. On the DEP, simply click on the name of the individual you would like to use as a tutor, counselor, etc. and that will allow you to send an email directly to that person. Once sent, the tutor or counselor, etc. will respond with an email requesting your preference as to how that person should contact you. Teachers can also contact tutors/counselors and ask them to call or send an email to individual students that may need help. Parents can do the same.

5. Will there be any LIVE video involved?

Yes, but only for individuals who need personalized assistance either from teachers, counselors or tutors on a one-to-one basis.
6. **Some schools utilize hardcopy packets for elementary students and teachers to exchange assignments between home and school. Why teach completely online?**

Safety is our number one concern. We know that many of our elementary students live with their grandparents. Taking materials to and from can easily transmit the virus. Our educators are designing schoolwork that can be digitally carried via the internet. In addition, SLS uses a Blended Learning Curriculum that balances both traditional teaching techniques and online learning. Our teachers are comfortable using computer technology and the tools associated with them.

7. **Will there be a refund of tuition because online learning is taking place instead of learning in the classroom?**

The same amount of resources in the form of teachers and programs that we spend to educate your sons on campus is utilized to educate them online. Given this, the school will not provide a refund for our distance education program.

8. **Will my son be assigned schoolwork from each subject every day?**

This may be true for students in grades K-5, however, for grades 6-12, students will continue to receive work that is to be completed every other day as done when classes are held on campus.