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26 October 2009

Dear Parent,

### **Re: School Closure**

We have been directed by the Supreme Education Council (SEC) that all schools in Qatar must close until 04 October 2009. This affects all school activities including after school programmes. The text of the directive is:

#### ***Supreme Education Council Postpones Beginning of Academic Year for Students***

*Minister of Education and Higher Education H E Saad bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud, yesterday issued a decision to postpone the opening of schools for the new academic year until October 4th as precaution against spread of swine flu. The decision applies to all the schools including private, community and Independent Schools. According to the approved schooling schedule for the academic year 2009/2010, teachers, administrative staff and members of school managements have to report for duty from Sunday 27th September 2009.*

*SEC decision has been taken in coordination with the Supreme Council for Health. Minister of Education and Higher Education said, the anti-flu vaccination to be dispensed to school staff, this will be the first stage of measures to be initiated to protect students from the swine flu virus and prevent its spread. All the staff members of schools will, however, be vaccinated against seasonal influenza during the week as a precautionary measure.*

***The above decision applies to all the schools including private, community and Independent Schools. It also includes those Private Schools that opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.***

***Fauzia Abdulaziz Al-Khater***  
*Director, Private Schools Office*  
*Education Institute*  
*Supreme Education Council*

We will keep the school website [www.cisdoha.org](http://www.cisdoha.org) updated with the latest information as and when we receive it from the SEC. The school switchboards will be manned during normal working hours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Todd".

**John Todd**  
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