



**LIFEFORTE
INTERNATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

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KEEPING LIFEFORTE SCHOOL A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

At Lifeforte we are acutely conscious of our responsibility to put the safety, health and well being of our students, parents, staff and the wider school community first. In the light of the risks and uncertainties generated by the current global health situation many believe that extreme caution is the best manner of approach and the reopening of schools at this time may be premature. However, governmental and international agencies based on years of pre Covid-19 research advocate strongly that keeping children in school (barring extreme circumstances as that necessitated at the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic) is in the longer term the best option. We are in support of this opinion.

Undoubtedly, Lifeforte has by the grace of God proven to be on the cutting edge in terms of online education delivery as kindly attested to by our parents in commendation emails sent to us. Our policy is to be the best in whatever we set our hands to do. We must however not allow our success in online learning to obscure what is in the best interests of our students as well as proven best practice. Educational research and related child mental health findings has shown that disruptions to instructional time in the classroom can have a severe impact on a child's ability to learn and consequently detrimental. It may also lead to stress and anxiety due to the loss of peer interaction and disrupted routines.

Lifeforte is a Christian school. We believe intelligently in God and in His ability to protect, shield and preserve. Our belief in God does not however allow us to throw caution to the winds and we are doing all that is in our power and beyond our power by the help of God to ensure that when school reopens as planned, our school environment will be a safe place for your child/children/ward.

We will therefore proceed with in person teaching which we believe to be in the best interests of our students.

According to the 'Key Messages and Actions for Covid-19 Prevention and Control in Schools' published in March 2020 by UNICEF, WHO and the IFRC the following actions are recommended for healthy schools:

1. Keeping of sick students, teachers and other staff away from school.
2. Enforcement of regular hand washing with water and soap, alcohol rub/hand sanitizer or chlorine solution and daily disinfection and cleaning of school surfaces.

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3. Provision of water, sanitation and waste management facilities, environmental cleaning and decontamination.
4. Promoting social distancing which includes limiting large groups coming together.

Additional measures that we have taken and setting in place, include:

- Train teachers and other personnel on safety and hygiene measures.
- Establish a staff/students committee for regular surveillance, monitoring and enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines.
- Develop a schedule for increased routine cleaning and disinfection in collaboration with maintenance staff.
- Dr Lanre Johnson our Medical Director MB;BS(ib), FWACP(Community Health) and his Professional and efficient team are responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.
- Conduct daily health checks (e.g. temperature screening and/or symptom checking) of staff and students.

Lifeforte School Management.