

# Kids return to nurseries

Labour ministry licensed nurseries to restart this Sunday

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Now, it's the turn of our little champions to get back to their classes, like their big brothers and sisters.

Bahrain's Labour Ministry said they are reopening nurseries licensed by them starting this Sunday.

The announcement came in a circular issued by Jameel Humaidan, the Minister of Labour and Social Development.

The latest move also follows Bahrain allowing the public and private schools here to resume functioning after long delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The reopening, the minister said, is based on the latest data and the recommendations of the National Medical Team.

## What next?

Now, parents wishing to bring their little ones for in-person classes can do that safely, starting tomorrow.

But, make sure there is strict adherence to controls and precautionary measures recommended by the authorities.

In a statement, the Labour Ministry said it is necessary for nursery school owners, administrative staff, teachers, assistants and parents to follow strictly the directives issued by the Ministry of Health in this regard.

## What are the reopening measures?

The circular calls for daily sterilisation of the nursery buildings, and requires to employ a nurse in schools handling 100 children and above.

It is also mandatory for nannies to wear a face shield (muzzle), but not necessary for children.

Only a family member will be allowed to enter the nursery to drop off and collect their kids.

## What if an infection is detected?

The Ministry says the nanny is also responsible for referring children with symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) to the person in charge of health care.

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JAMEEL HUMAIDAN, THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



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In the event of a child showing symptoms, the child, the nanny and the employees should go into isolation immediately, while also informing parents and 444.

In the event of the PCR examination of employees, supervisors, or children are positive, they are not allowed to return to the centre unless their exit from isolation is proven.

The nurseries must also adhere to contact tracing procedures.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Development said it

would conduct a periodic random inspection to ensure compliance with all health conditions and standards. Failures will lead to legal actions.

## What parents required to do?

Parents are required to provide food as well as water for their children and prepare them from home.

The schools are not allowed to hold buffet or other forms of meal gatherings for students.

Nurseries should also provide sterilised water bottles in the event of a child failing to bring water. Schools are not allowed to hold parties, birthdays or distributing food and sweets to children.

## One nanny per two kids

On the capacity, the circular requires one nanny for every two children under the age of 18 months. Services of a nanny and an assistant are essential for every eight children over 18 months.

For children to remain active and maintain their health, schools should conduct exercises at intervals, with outside sporting activities whenever possible.

## One more kindergarten gets ministry's approval

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A new kindergarten 'Little Swan Preschool' received Education ministry's approval to operate in the Kingdom.

Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, the Minister of Education, gave the nod for its functioning, which will be under foreign ownership.

The facility targets children aged from three to five.

The latest move follows the establishment of a privately-owned EtonHouse Kindergarten, and a national Al-Redha Kindergartens a week back.

The Ministry has also approved a foreign-owned Al Wisam Juniors Kindergarten and KidzWorld Kindergarten, earlier.

## Ministry tests kindergartens for COVID-19 adherence



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The Education Ministry has kick-started field visits to kindergartens in the Kingdom to ensure compliance with precautionary measures.

A working group headed by Dr Lubna Sulaibeekh, Acting Director of Kindergartens is leading the visits.

Ministry team will ensure facilities adhere to COVID-19 meas-

ures in classrooms, play areas, devices, toilets and other facilities.

Official visits are to make sure that measures are following strictly throughout the school day.

The team also visited several recently opened facilities in various governorates of the Kingdom.

The Ministry said it is encouraging investment in the Kingdom's private education sector to improve its quality and provide more quality educational opportunities.



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Air India Flight AI 1988 from Bahrain to Hyderabad departed today from Bahrain International Airport with 142 passengers onboard.



Bahrain mountaineering team posing for a group photo during their visit to Gokarna Forest resort in Nepal. Next stop for the team, who have conquered the Manaslu peak, is Mount Everest. They will attempt to climb the summit next year.